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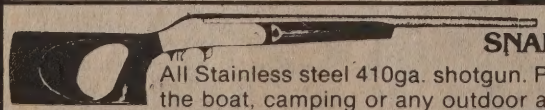

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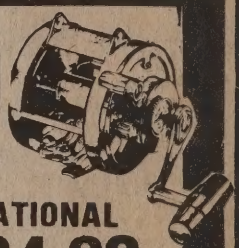

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ABOUT THE COVER:

This 900 pound blue marlin, taken during the Babylon Tuna Club's Annual Invitational Tuna and Marlin Tourney on July 29, caused quite a stir among the hundreds of spectators gathered on the Babylon Village Dock. Richie Koch, fishing aboard his Freeport based Libra II, whipped the huge billfish in the surprisingly short time of 1 hour and 15 minutes. Catches such as this have fueled a tremendous increase in offshore fishing interest. For those with blue water running through their veins, this issue is for you! Cover Photo by Bruce Morabito, courtesy of Augie's Tackle Shop in Babylon.

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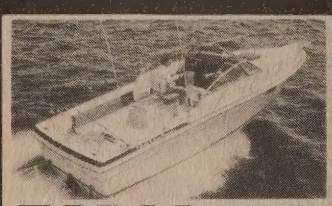

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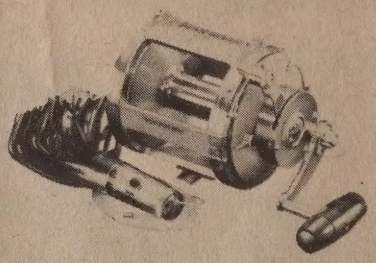

PENN'S NEW INTERNATIONAL IIs OFFER TWO SPEEDS IN A SINGLE REEL—WITH INSTANT SHIFTING

For 1985, Penn is introducing the International II Two-Speed Series of big game tournament reels, combining all of the performance features of the famous Internationals along with Penn's exclusive new pushbutton gear shift systems.

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For more information on Penn's new International II Two-Speed Series reels or other Penn products, write: Penn Fishing Tackle Mfg. Co., 3028 W. Hunting Park Ave., Dept. P, Philadelphia, PA 19132; (215) 229-9415.

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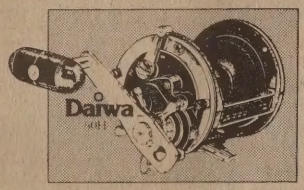

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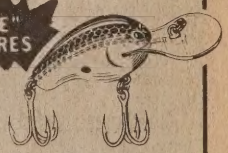

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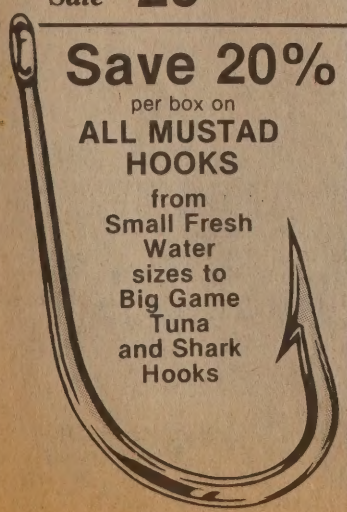

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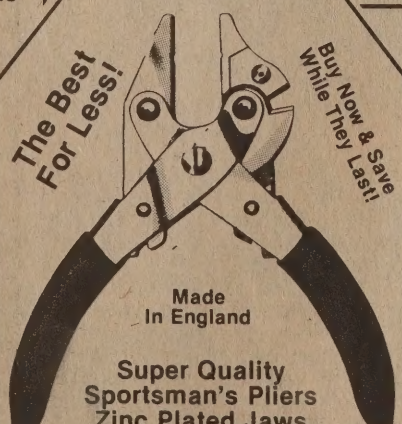

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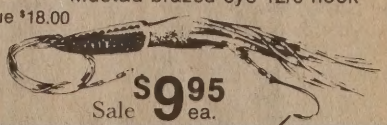

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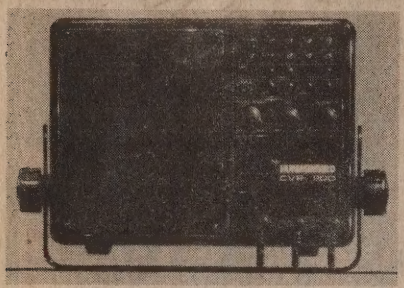

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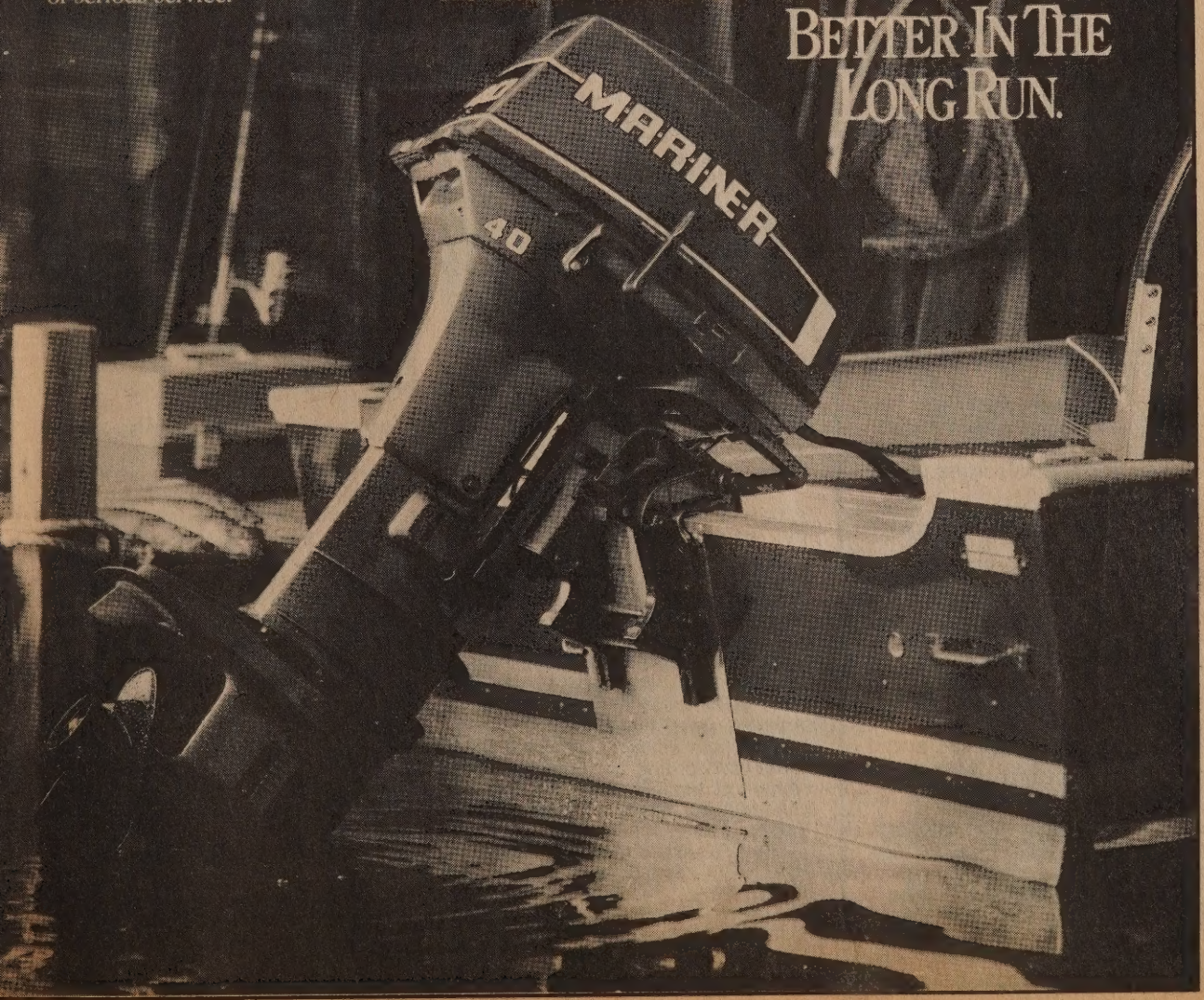

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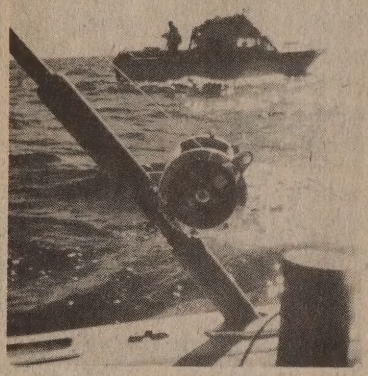

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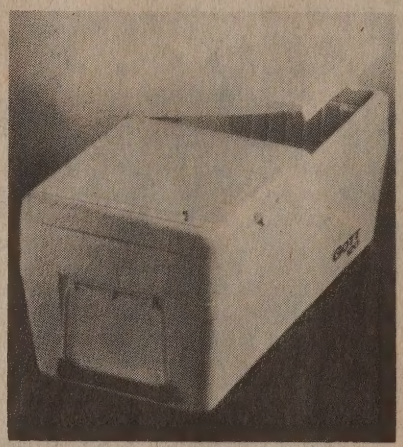

GOTT PAIRS 120 QT. ICE CHEST WITH JUMBO 712 QT. MODEL

Gott Corporation's newest addition to its all-white marine product line, a 120 quart ice chest, was recently unveiled at the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association Show in Atlanta.

Designed to hold a large catch of fish, or a feast of food and beverage, the 120 quart chest measures 38½" long by 18½" wide by 17¾" high, and weighs 34 pounds. The chest is engineered for heavy outdoor use, and will resist damage by sun, rain, and even saltwater spray.

The body of the Gott 120 quart chest is constructed of blow-molded, one-piece polyethylene for maximum strength and durability. The extra-thick, high efficiency urethane foam insulation in the lid, sidewalls and bottom of the 120 quart ice chest is designed to keep contents colder, longer.

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The Gott 120 squart chest is characterized by sturdy rope handle with cushioned grips for extra comfort, and no-slip textured lids that provide seats for two adults. Seat cushions are optional.

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For more information about the 120 quart ice chest, or Gott's Jumbo 172 quart chest, contact Gott Corporation, P.O. Box 547, Winfield, Kansas 67156; (316) 221-2230.

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Small and compact, the new Lowrance 3100 digital depthfinder is being hailed worldwide as an ideal navigation instrument for boats of all sizes.

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"When used with our narrow cone transducer (8 degree)," said Darrell Lowrance, president of the Tulsa, OK., firm which makes the unit, "it is the most accurate and functional depthfinder in the world."

"The 3100 will outperform all competitive digital units, regardless of price," Lowrance said, "yet is lower in cost than the lowest priced competitive models.

"Whether mounted on yacht, sailboat, ski barge, commercial craft or fishing vessel, it maintains and locks on a constant depth. It is ideal for running navigation channels and canals, warning of reefs, sand bars and rocks."

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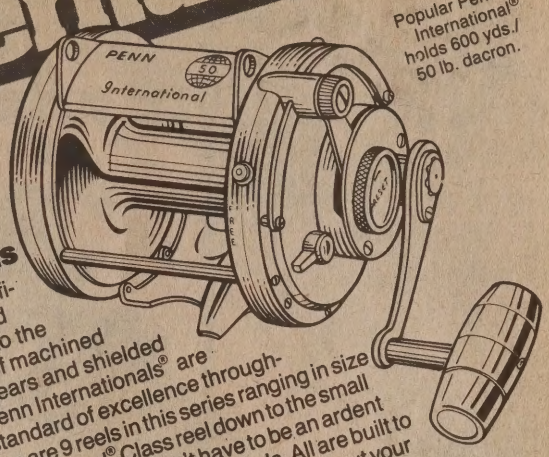

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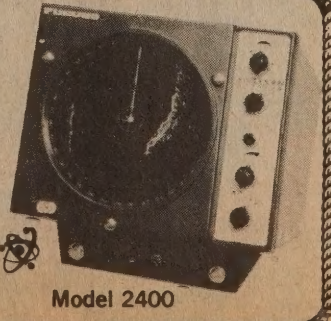

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And, like all LCR models, the LCR 3000 has a liquid crystal display, is completely waterproof, provides accurate readings at over 75 mph, and comes with a swivel mount. Advanced technology puts you in control of the simplest-to-use deep-water unit on the market: the Humminbird LCR 3000.

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Shakespeare took all the world-famous Ugly Stik blank properties and added a fast taper, tiger-quick design and a no-nonsense reinforced fighting butt. The resulting Double-Bilt (TM) Tiger rod is exceptionally lightweight, powerful and well-balanced.

Sleek as a big cat with teeth just as sharp, the Tiger possesses the finest components: Perfection stainless-steel-reinforced boat and spinning guides, Fuji aluminum oxide tops, graphite reinforced reel seats, and long, foam fore grips and handles for added striking power.

Eight big water rods allow fishermen to choose a model ranging from a 6' 0" Long Island Bay rod to a 7' 0" medium heavy line action rod made for live bait or metal jigs off California shores.

A two-piece 7' 0" for 20 to 50 pound mono and a 6' 9" popping rod that handles 10 to 17 pound also are available. Both models are great for the Texas or Florida coasts.

Shakespeare also offers 11' 0" and 12' 0" spinning rods capable of casting six ounces and more out of sight! A new nine-footer is an excellent jetty stick and two seven footers are ideal for stalking yellowtail off Baja to deep jigging for snapper in the Keys.

Shakespeare, the nation's leading fishing tackle manufacturer, has incorporated the world's toughest tubular blank into the innovative Tiger series to produce exceptional downrigger, trolling and boat rods as well.

The downrigger Tiger rod is eight feet long, wtih patented power for smooth, responsive rigger release. The rod also features Fuji steelite guides and top, a graphite-reinforced reel seat, two piece tiger-gold blanks trimmed in black, scarlet and gold, and epoxy-coated winds. The downrigger is strong enough to fish 50 pound, but 12 to 30 pound mono is recommended.

The new Tiger trolling rods are designed for the serious offshore fisherman, the sportsman who sets his hook on record fish, and their quality conforms to IGFA specifica-

tions. Two models are designed to tame the toughest kingfish, wahoo or sail. Both feature nylon gimbals with Shakespeare's optional "belly" butt caps, which allow a fisherman to lock himself into his fighting harness when a big fish is hooked.

The Tiger boat rod weighs less than 18 ounces, but spool on 50 to 130 pound mono, lock down a 4/0 and watch this cat claw. Double-Bilt construction allows the abuse taken by sharks, rock cod or amberjack, yet offers lightness that results in fatigue-free fishing—even for an all-day expedition.

The boat rod features an AFTCO roller stripper and top, graphite reinforced reel seat, and man-sized, no-slip fore and rear grips with gimbal. Durable twin above the fore grip protects the blank from heavy deck plates and gunnel pounding.

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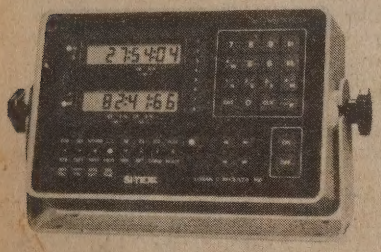
For more information on Tiger rods and other Shakespeare tackle, contact Mark Skrocki, Advertising Manager, P.O. Drawer S, Columbia, SC 29260 or call (803) 754-7540.



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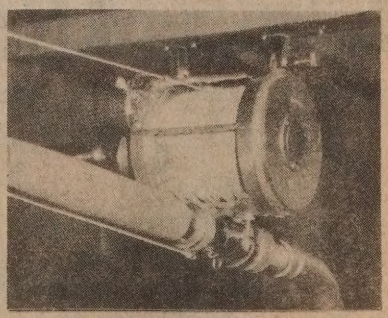

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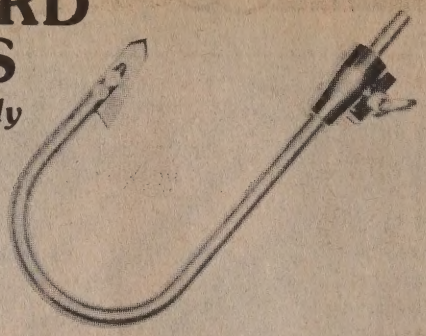

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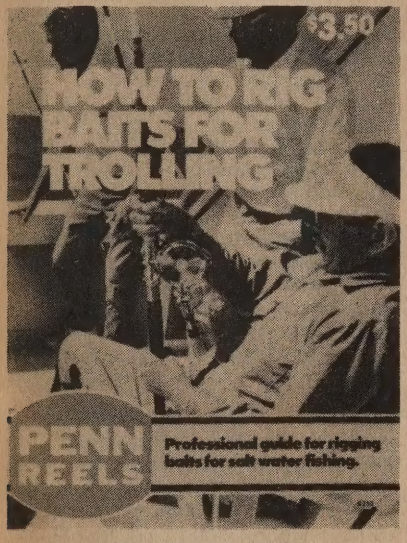

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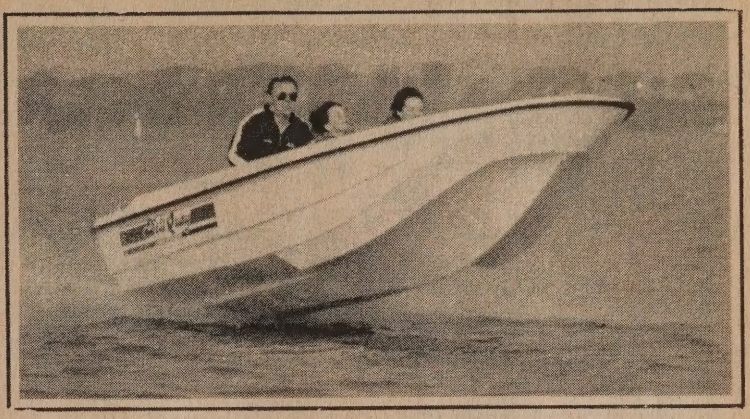

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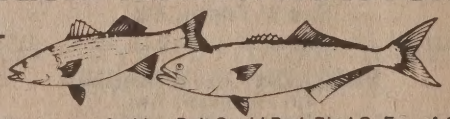

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LOWRANCE ANNOUNCES X-16 COMPUTER GRAPH

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Many classed it as the "ultimate" sonar unit.

However, Lowrance last year produced the X-15A, and now has the X-15B, both advancements of the X-15, with several new features provided by their microprocessors.

Now, Lowrance has another breakthrough. It is the X-16, a sophisticated yet simple computer graph with features never before dreamed in the sonar world.

For instance, the X-15 series graphs measure to depths of 2490 feet in 10-foot segments. The new X-16 will measure in one-foot segments, and with special transducers has depth capability of 8000 feet. That means it has the possibility of no less than **32 million** range settings.

The new unit also has dual frequency capability. The X-15 series graphs were offered in separate units of 192 kilohertz or 50 kilohertz. The new unit, through an add-on box controlled by its keyboard, can utilize both 192 and 50 kilohertz transducers. This gives it the capability of measuring the underwater world in cone angles ranging from 8 to 45 degrees.

In addition, the X-16 incorporates a memory system which recalls the same settings and functions last programmed before being turned off.

The X-16 also will record Loran C navigational settings, printing coordinates on the chart paper upon command. It will interface with forthcoming Lowrance Loran C units, and some which are presently available. Loran C signals, now found throughout the world, provide for the exact location of any given point on land or water, or in the air, through a small navigational instrument.

On the X-16, most functions of the unit are printed at the bottom of the chart paper, telling the operator at a glance which programs have been initiated.

The new unit also will have seven levels of chart paper speed, or "paper save," which will be controlled by the computer, or can be manipulated by the operator. A new type of processor has enabled Lowrance engineers to double the printing capability of the unit, providing even finer resolution (the ability to separate fish from the

bottom or each other) than the X-15 series.

It will incorporate eight levels of surface clutter control, compared with four levels on previous units, and will include an automatic suppression system to overcome electrical or cavitational interference.

Another new feature allows the operator to select light, medium or dark chart images. All range and scale settings, and various number functions on the X-16 will be printed evenly. They will not be jammed or expanded with the changing of chart speed.

The X-16 will not replace the X-15B in the company's line. It will, because of its intricate computer system, be higher priced. In addition to all the new features, others found in the X-15 series will be retained—the ability to measure in feet, fathoms and meters; adjustable pulse width settings for greater definition in various depth ranges; a new easy-load tilt-out paper drive system; and Lowrance's patented Grayline feature which discriminates between true bottom and objects on the bottom such as rocks, brush, trees, fish and shipwrecks.

Like all Lowrance sonar units, it can be operated at speeds of 75 miles an hour or more; has a lighted display for night use, and gold plated contacts. When soaked with rain or salt spray, it can be hosed off with fresh water without fear of damage or injury to vital electronic parts.

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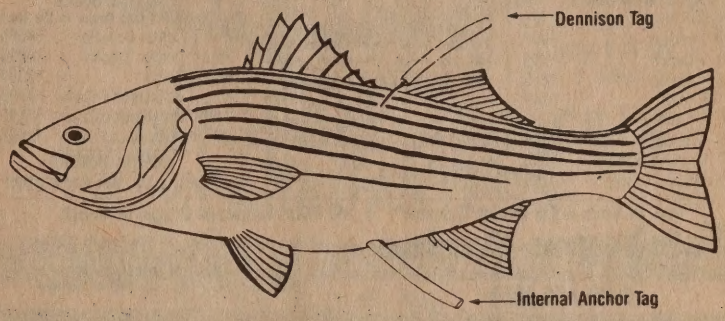

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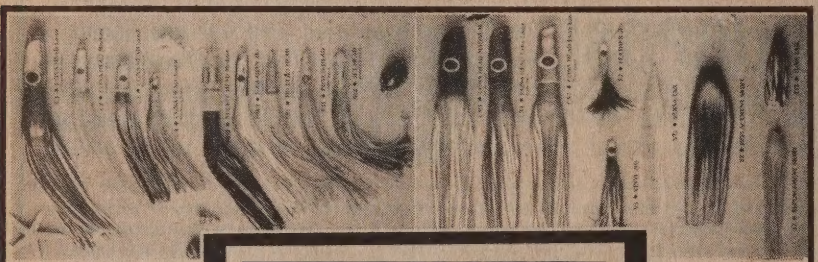

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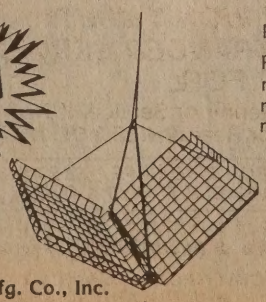

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SCORING WITH PLASTIC

by Pete Barrett

Tuna, and billfish as well, have proven to be suckers for plastic. But knowing the right formula is vital to success.

Snap, snap, snap. Zizzzz! Three rods went off at once, snapped from their line or rigger clips. Now the fun began as we fought three big yellowfins at once, each going in a different direction.

"Watch out, my fish is going to the left. Lift your rod, I'm going under you! Pull ahead just a little, my fish is running up off the bow! I've got the double line, look out! I'm ready for the gaff. Someone grab the damn leader! Gaff him, gaff him, quick! Okay, there's one; now let's get the second one on the boat."

The planned confusion, shouts, and the electricity in the air is heaven to a fisherman. Few fishing situations can match tuna fishing for sheer pleasure and excitement. The rest of the fishing world seems tame by comparison.

Multiple hook-ups are common at the tuna grounds, yet there is much more to offshore trolling than simply clipping a few lures to the lines and trolling to the distant blue waters. Your success is dependent on the lure pattern you choose, trolling speed, trolling pattern and how you approach the offshore structure that holds the fish. Careful attention to all four variables spell F-I-S-H. Leave out any one of the four and it spells Z-E-R-O.

We live in a plastic world and while many of us bemoan that fact in our daily lives, plastic has brought many innovations to the fisherman. The dramatic increase in tuna catches over the last decade are probably due in large part to the new plastic offshore high speed trolling lures.

Rigging trolling baits requires skill; but dragging plastic lures put offshore trolling into everyone's realm. While the best offshore trollers re-rig and modify their lures, most manufacturers make lures that work just fine right out of the package.

The trick in using plastic lures is matching the action, weight, size and color of the lures for the most appealing lure pattern. Green has been the hot color for many years, yet many other colors probably work just as well. My own logs show that yellowfins prefer the green/yellow lures; most of my bigeyes have been taken on blue, red or orange colors; longfins have been best on greens and blues; and bluefins on green, blue and reds. I keep an accurate log of each tuna brought to the boat and the log has developed a detailed profile of the best colors, sizes and actions.

I fish seven rods and will put out a lure pattern that emphasizes blues, greens and red in the first three wakes; blue, orange or reds on the more distant wakes.

I prefer lightweight lures since they have a more predictable action and they work well in all kinds of seas. Heavy lures tend to dig into the sea, then fly out causing the lure to tumble. Choose lures that stream long jets of bubbles as they work just below the surface. They should occasionally come to the top, gulp a pocket of air and then dive with a long trail of "smoke." The actions should be straight, not violently side to side.

I like to mix the size of the lures, using smaller lures in close and larger lures dropped back in the pattern. The largest lure is usually run down the center and dropped back onto the fifth wake or sometimes even further back.

Marlin fishermen believe that an odd sized or odd colored lure will be the best catcher. This is probably true with tuna also. The odd lure may consistently get single strikes and be a steady taker of fish on all days, especially when the fishing is a slow pick. Multiple hook-ups usually occur with lures of the same or similar colors.

I have a blue Soft Head Hooker that consistently takes singles of yellowfins and bigeyes, yet the multiple hook-ups will see the three green lures and perhaps the blue lure all blasted at the same time. I've tried an experiment with longfins that put mostly red lures in the pattern. For over three hours one day we caught longfins in four multiple blasts, all taking the red lures, and only two single yellowfins that hit the blue lure. If you are looking for multiple hook-ups, be sure you have at least

Chart with contour lines enhanced with magic marker, graph or digital depth finder, compass and Loran are all part of tuna troller's arsenal of electronics. Not shown is temp gauge.

two or three lures of the same or similar color in the pattern.

In my opinion the best tuna lures are the flat-faced style like the Mold Craft Hooker, the flat Sevenstrand Clones, the Schnieder All Eye, the Iland Sailure with the large gold eyes and others of similar shape. I prefer them with no weight, and try to match lures that are all similar in action and weight.

Put one heavy lure in the pattern and you will cause either the heavy lure to work poorly or if you tune your speed to make the heavy lure work correctly, the rest of the light lures will then work poorly. All the lures in the pattern should be of similar weight.

Heavy chrome jets are famous for big eyes and are very popular with many fishermen. I feel the light flat-faced lures are just as good, but if you want to use jets, be sure your pattern is all jets or at least a mix of heavy lures and jets. The few light lures you may fish along with the jets will not usually work well in any combination.

The best colors may change during the day depending on the available light. Many trollers prefer dark colors like black, purple and red at the early morning hours and again at the end of the day, switching to brighter colors like green, yellows, oranges and blues in midday. My log shows some good early morning catches on bright colors when the bright color was the only bright lure in the pattern. Perhaps this is the fish showing a preference for the odd color rather than an overall preference for dark or bright colors at any one time of the day.

There is no set "best" trolling speed. I often hear fishermen talking back and forth on the radio, swapping info on trolling speed and while it may be helpful on special days, the reading on the tach is almost irrelevant when comparing one boat to another since every boat handles just a little bit differently than every other boat.

The best trolling speed is that speed which makes the lures work with those long smoke trails. Put the lures out, watch the lures and adjust their position until they are working right, THEN look at the tach. The RPMs may change each time you change direction, each time you head into or away from the wind or as you work the edge of the structure where one side has more current than another side.

To blindly troll by the tach is a bad strategy. Your eye on the lures is your best guide to trolling speed. Once you have some offshore experience under your belt you will get to know the range of RPMs that your lures will work, so the tach is then valuable as a guide, but not as the last word. The overall sea conditions, the style lures and the hull design will dictate the speed.

We talked a moment ago about lure weights. As you set your trolling speed, it will become obvious when

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Author's favorites are flat faced lures like (l-r) Bagley Head Knocker, Black Bart Rigger Killer, Ilander Sailure, Hawaiian All-Eye and Mold Craft Hooker. All are rigged with double hooks, snelled and at 90 degree angles.

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you have a lure that doesn't fit your pattern as you try to adjust the speed so all the lures work correctly. The odd lure will either not trail smoke because it is too heavy to catch the surface every so often to gulp air or it may be too light and so it dances all over the top of the water, tumbling and tangling on the leader.

Try placing the odd lure in another position—off the rigger, or on a flat line in the first wake. It may work better there. This tuning of the lures is a critical part of tuna trolling. Once you get a good lure pattern, lock it in your memory bank. The pattern that worked today with the right colors, actions and sizes will most likely work again on your next trip, too.

The standard offshore trolling lure pattern is the "V" pattern. It keeps the lures spread away from each other, avoiding tangles, allowing tight turns as you maneuver to work a small area or to avoid other boats trolling nearby.

Another pattern that is popular is the "W" pattern. It requires a wider turning radius, but some trollers feel it gives a better spread to the lures and that it gets more multiple hook-ups.

Sea conditions can dictate which pattern you use. A strong breeze can push the lures on the windward side a few feet across the wake so they work too closely to the lee side lures. This may cause tangled lures as you turn. Oily calm seas sometimes see the fish get skittish and they will only hit on the distant or widespread lures, so the "V" pattern often gets the nod as the best approach on calm seas.

The lures should be positioned on the face of the wakes which are formed as the boat travels through the water. The first wake is very turbulent and line clips are attached to the transom to keep the lures down close to the water so they don't dance and fly out of the wake. These are called the flat lines. The rods for the flat lines are often positioned in the strike arms of the fight chair or at the transom.

The second wake gets another pair of lures with the rod positioned at the corner of the transom or just forward of the transom along the gun'l. If you have a hard time keeping these lures working well in the turbulent wake, place line clips on the transom for these lines too. It is not unusual to see boats with four lines fished as flat lines.

The rigger rods are positioned on the third wake, while the seventh rod is placed in a rod holder either in the chair or at the center of the transom or off the tower. The lure for the center rod can be positioned on the fourth to seventh wake.

A variation of the "V" pattern that I use is to offset the lures. The port side rods would be positioned with the flat line on the first wake. The starboard pattern has the first lure on the second wake, the next on the third, the rigger on the fourth and the center rod has its lure on the fifth or sixth

wake.

Ninety-nine times out of 100, the lures should be positioned on the face of the wake so you can see them clearly and adjust position and speed as the seas change. Sometimes trolling into a large head sea with large swells the lures will fly out of the wake as you sleigh ride off the swell. To avoid this, place the lures on the back side of the wake. This is not recommended any other time because you can't see the lures and work them properly, but it does save a bad sea approach.

The top of the ocean may look flat, but down below there are canyons, mountains, ridges and fingers that provide avenues for the tuna to move along. To catch the best you have to be trolling these structure edges to intercept the fish as they move along their "highways."

To find the structure you need a navigational chart and a graph or digital depth sounder. A Loran is very helpful, but not absolutely necessary. The charts already have the structure contour lines printed on them, but they appear as pale gray lines. To make them more visible, trace over them with magic markers using different colors for each different curve. For instance, I've used different colors for each curve from the inshore 15 fathom line all the way out to the edge of the canyons. Once the lines of the chart have been traced over and made more visible, the structure of the Chicken Canyon, the Mud Hole, the Hudson, the Dump, the Fish Tail, the Rips and the rest of the good offshore spots will jump right off the chart.

With a Loran it is easy to run to an offshore spot and by watching the digital sounder and the changing Loran numbers you can plot a course to criss cross the structure edge taking you from the high ground into the deep and back again. With the Loran you can still do it by trolling with your eye on the compass and by watching the depth read-out.

Aimless straight trolling only gets you into a lone kamikaze fish intent on hitting anything you dragged across their face. Consistent success is dependent on working the structure edge.

A temperature gauge is very helpful for tuna trolling. I've experienced days when a few tenths of a degree made the difference in a few fish and no fish. The edge of a warm water core works just the same as a bottom structure and fish may hold along the edge of the warm water.

Summer is here, the time is right, the tuna are waiting for you. Pick your weather day and head offshore to the blue water grounds for some of the best fishing this sport has to offer.

If you carefully choose your lures for action, color, weight; troll at the speed that makes them smoke like rockets, work the pattern and criss cross the structure, you should have some good days. Release a few for next time.

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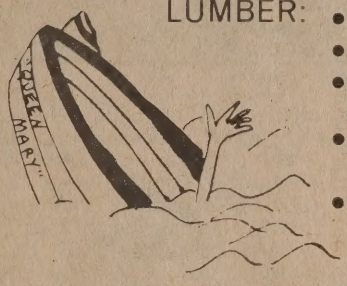

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WHERE BIG IS NOT ALWAYS BETTER

by Al Ristori

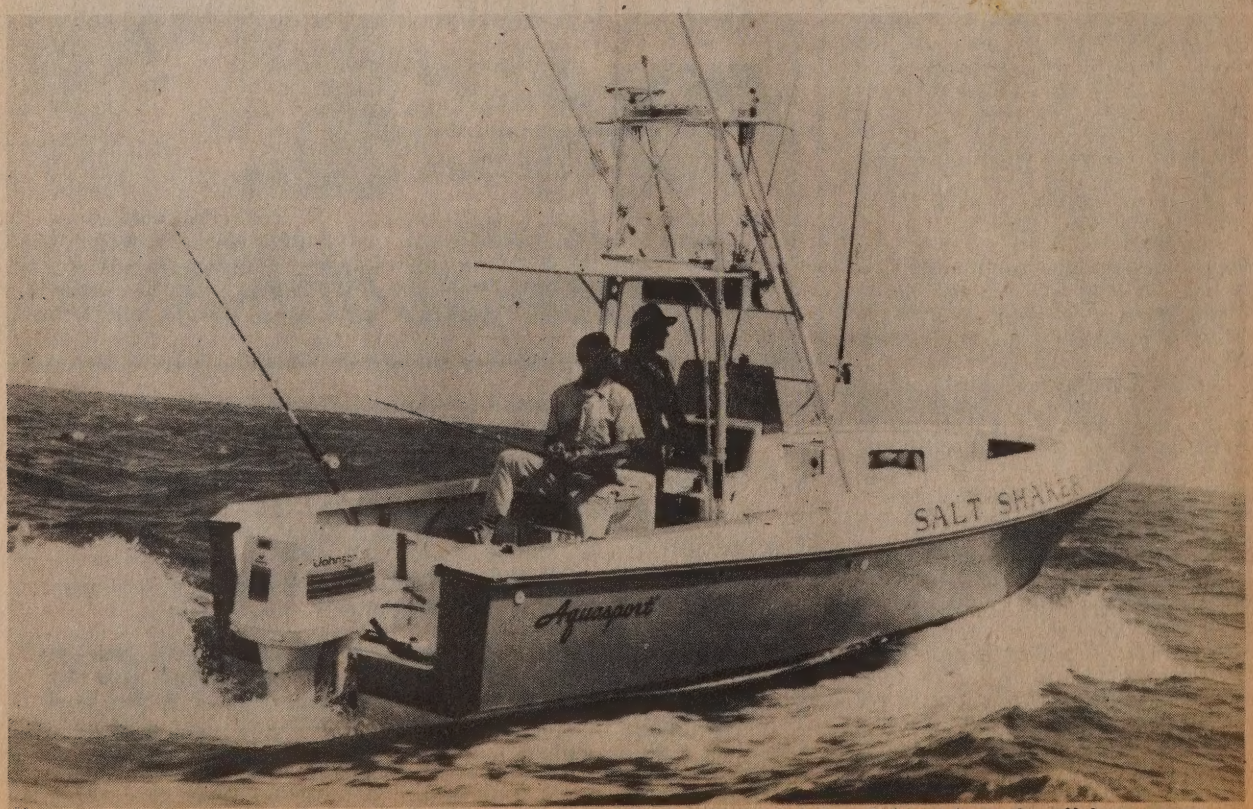
When it comes to catching fish on the offshore grounds, these vest pocket boats and their crews are as efficient as they come.

When I first started writing about the use of seaworthy small boats for big game fishing well over a decade ago, many big boat fishermen felt I was encouraging a dangerous practice and that many injuries would result. Looking back now, I believe that my faith in both the modern center console and the anglers who man them hasn't been misplaced.

To be sure, fishing of any kind is a dangerous sport. The potential for accidents is very high, but that applies any time you step aboard any boat and head to sea. Just before this was written, a $2½ million sportfisherman burned to the hull and sank well offshore. On that same day, many small boats fished offshore without any problem. All of which only proves that there are safety advantages and disadvantages to every type of boat.

It wasn't very long ago when most offshore tournaments were restricted to boats of 26 feet or more. Gradually those barriers have been breaking down and smaller boats are now regulars in many tournaments. Furthermore, their catch records have been exceptionally good. Of course, there are disadvantages to small boat big game fishing. Captain Charlie Tota found out about that this summer when he guided Penn Reel rep Chris Nolte to a 778 pound tiger shark during a Montauk Shark Tournament. Chris was able to subdue that monster in less than two hours standing up with a 50 pound outfit (Penn International 50 and Fenwick rod) and the Tota brothers did a perfect gaffing job. The only problem was that they couldn't get the huge fish into their 23 foot Seacraft "Nina." The resultant long tow to port prevented them from running away with the $3000 first prize when they arrived a half-hour late. If they could have accepted help from another boat, they might have made it back in time. However, one of the officials explained that such aid is prohibited in the tournament because the small boats already have such a big advantage over slower large boats in that they can run much further offshore into more productive waters.

There are now more seaworthy small boats than I can list in this article, with Mako, Grady-White, HydraSports, Aquasport, Boston Whaler, Seacraft, and Robalo among the more prominent names. All differ in various aspects, but feature fiberglass hulls with lots of flotation and self-bailing decks. The basic center console has evolved into a number of configurations, including cuddy



This Aquasport is typical of boats in the 21 to 25 foot range that are leaving their mark on the offshore scene.

cabins and walkarounds. Most of these companies have also gone into larger and wider models that are really "big boats" by our definition. In discussing small boats I'm talking about those of 25 feet or less and with the standard eight foot beam that's permissible for trailering. They may have outboard, outdrive, Sea Drive or inboard power—and a few of the latter are even diesels. Club Pacifico de Panama features big game fishing for black and blue marlin from a fleet of diesel-powered Mako 22s, and they have no problem with that arrangement.

How do you rig a small boat for big game? There are various opinions about that, but a few basics apply. Your fishing tackle may be comparable to that carried on a large sportfisherman, but it can be somewhat lighter. With a small boat you're highly mobile, and it's no problem to run after a fish before he strips even a small reel. The fish can also tow the boat on a relatively light drag. I learned this some years ago when fishing for blue sharks in the Butterfish Hole off Montauk Point. As the blues got thicker we switched to ever lighter tackle until I hooked up on a boat reel filled with a mere 200 yards of 30 pound mono. That "blue shark" came flying high out of the water next to the boat and turned out to be a 405 pound mako!

Fighting that fish on such light tackle from a small boat wasn't as difficult as it sounds. We had to start up and run right after it, but after awhile I was able to add enough pressure on the bluefish-size boat reel to make the mako tow the Mako 22 I had at the time. There was no great strain on me as the angler standing in the bow, and the one inexperienced fisherman on the boat with me were standing at the controls waiting to make a move should the fish suddenly go wild. It took 1¾ hours before the mako looked tired enough to gaff, and I was able to hold him on the wire while my buddy made several unsuccessful shots with a flying gaff before sinking an eight foot tuna gaff—and hanging on for dear life!

That fight illustrated some of the basics that make big game fishing from small boats a practical matter. Small boat anglers can fish lighter tackle, but on any gear should resign themselves to the fact that they can't safely deal with "green" fish. The big advantage of the small boat revolves around the ease with which a big fish can tow it. The boat becomes like a buoy which is thrown after a harpooned swordfish. After towing it around for a period of time the fish literally becomes exhausted. That towing process also tends to bring the fish up, and puts a lot less strain on the angler.

In a small boat with an open bow, the most practical means of fighting big game fish is with a chair in the bow. A relatively simple fighting chair will do the job as the angler uses the inside of the boat as a footrest,

Speed allows these boats to fish distant grounds which are out of range of most larger boats during one-day tournaments.

rather than one that's an integral part of the chair itself. Securing the chair to the deck is less of a problem because there's relatively little stress on the chair in this arrangement. I've installed a Prattworks fighting chair in the bow of my Mako 25 "Sheri Berri"—and that chair lists for only $695, as compared to the thousands required to buy any chair with a footrest.

The basic technique for handling large fish in this manner is to run the boat ahead very slowly when the fish is off the bow and ready to be taken. That brings him alongside, where the captain has a good shot with the gaff if there isn't anyone else aboard to handle that chore. If the fish should take off at that point, there's still a good chance that he won't get into anything sharp hanging off the stern—such as props and trim tabs.

Where it's not possible to install a fighting chair in the bow, a stern chair with a footrest is a good alternative. The captain must keep the fish off the sides when close, in order to avoid having the line touch the outboard or trim tabs. He must also avoid backing down with outboards since these boats are only self-bailing in the other direction! While a portable chair is a possibility, there are many problems involved. Last fall Ken Moran (outdoor editor of the New York Post) and your reporter both released giant bluefins aboard Captain Bob Rocchetta's Mako 25 cuddy cabin "Rainbow." The day before we'd learned our lessons by losing several due to various mishaps. Believe me, it's not easy fighting big fish from small boats in a portable chair! Someone has to hold onto the chair at all times, and the gimbals are inadequate for heavy tackle. I once had one of those portable chair gimbals fall apart on me off Gloucester after fighting a giant right to boatside in a 16 foot Whaler. Bob Rocchetta learned his lesson last year and now has a Carl Johnson footrest fighting chair in the stern of the "Rainbow."

As far as trolling is concerned, there are some who claim that small boats don't attract fish like the bigger hulls do. That may well be true, and Frank Johnson (of Mold Craft Softhead lure fame) advises trolling lures further astern from outboards. However, I've caught various species very close astern, and in South Africa watched an angler catch one albacore after another on a Rapala CD-18 fished right in the wash just a few feet from the props. Those fish wanted the lure so close to the outboards that the two of us fishing the side positions literally couldn't get the same lures close enough to the wash to get a hit during the period of time when that technique was the only one which worked. The lesson there is not to assume anything about the attractiveness of your wake until you've experimented extensively.

Small boat big game fishing is a book-length subject, and I've only skimmed the surface in this piece. However, the main point should be well-established by now—and that's the fact that seaworthy small boats are adequate platforms for big game fishing. Rig up carefully and take your time learning your practical lessons (sharks are a good starting point), but don't hesitate to enjoy this great sport just because you can't afford a million dollar sportfisherman!

SHARKING ON A SHOESTRING

by Russ Wilson

Small boat shark fishing may well be the greatest bargain in big game angling.

Today's saltwater angler is faced with an ever-increasing expenditure. Gas costs continue to escalate, boats are becoming more and more costly and fishing tackle will never be less expensive than it is at the present time.

A trip to the offshore canyons is a major expense and will increase with each passing season. Running one of those big seaworthy gas hogs is more than many anglers can handle and when the cost of bait, tackle and essential items are added in, it is enough to cause a sane person to consider taking up golf or tennis.

There is a way out. Many big game anglers have found some respite from the climbing costs by concentrating their efforts to closer inshore waters where sharks are commonly found during the summer months. You might say they are fishing more, enjoying it more and spending a lot less for their pleasure.

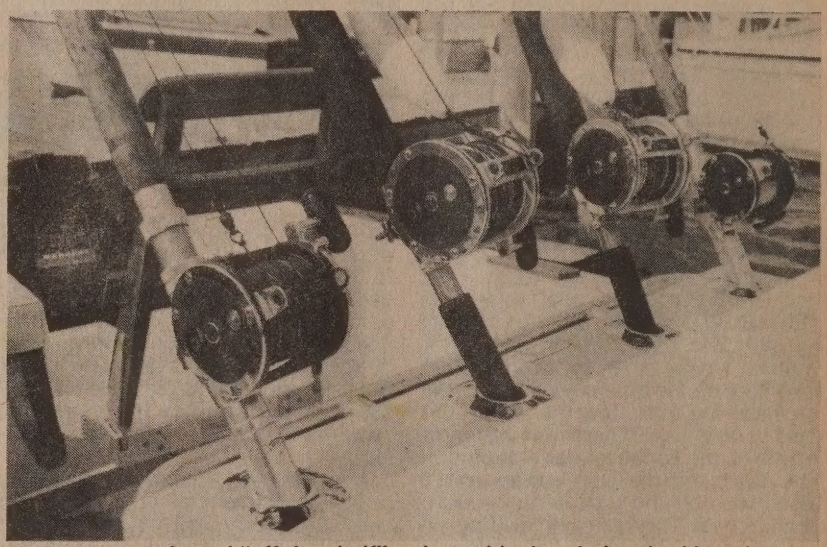
Sharks are not as spectacular as a high flying marlin or as tough as a giant bluefin tuna. But, the shark does have its place in the overall fishing scene and that's why so many of today's offshore sport persons find the thought of catching a shark very inviting.

The mako shark is probably the most highly prized of all the species which inhabit the North Atlantic Seaboard. Maybe a great white will cause just a tad more excitement because of its size and formidable reputation. But, for practical purposes, the mako is the shark most often sought by experienced sharkers who fish our waters.

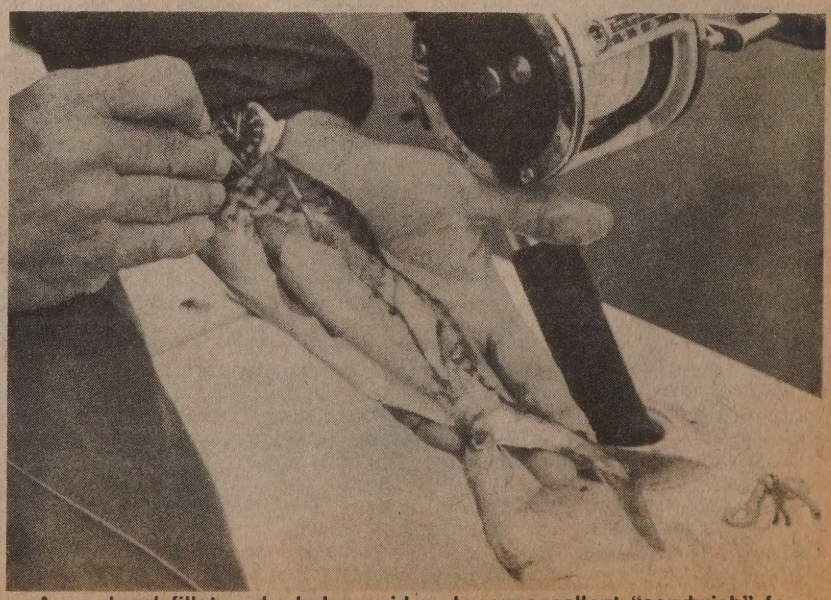
Do not be lulled into the complacent feeling that only the mako will put up a struggle when hooked on sporting tackle. Blue, brown, dusky, tiger and hammerheads are capable of separating you from an arm, leg or some other part of the anatomy. In fact, the most scary incident we've had when sharking came about when a medium size hammerhead decided he wanted nothing to do with the boat. That fish, scarcely more than 200 pounds and exhausted from a half hour battle against 50 pound class gear, tried to climb into the boat and then took off on another blistering run before we finally had it under control.

Another rather memorable shark, this one a gutsy brown, had us at his mercy after being smacked with the flying gaff and being tied off at the bow. That nasty critter actually wrapped himself in the rope and was trying to bite off his tail when we hastily got him under control with another rope around his head and a double line around his aft end.

These two instances only indicate



Star drag reels and "off the shelf" rods are ideal tools for sharking along the Atlantic Seaboard.



A mackerel fillet and whole squid make an excellent "sandwich" for sharks.

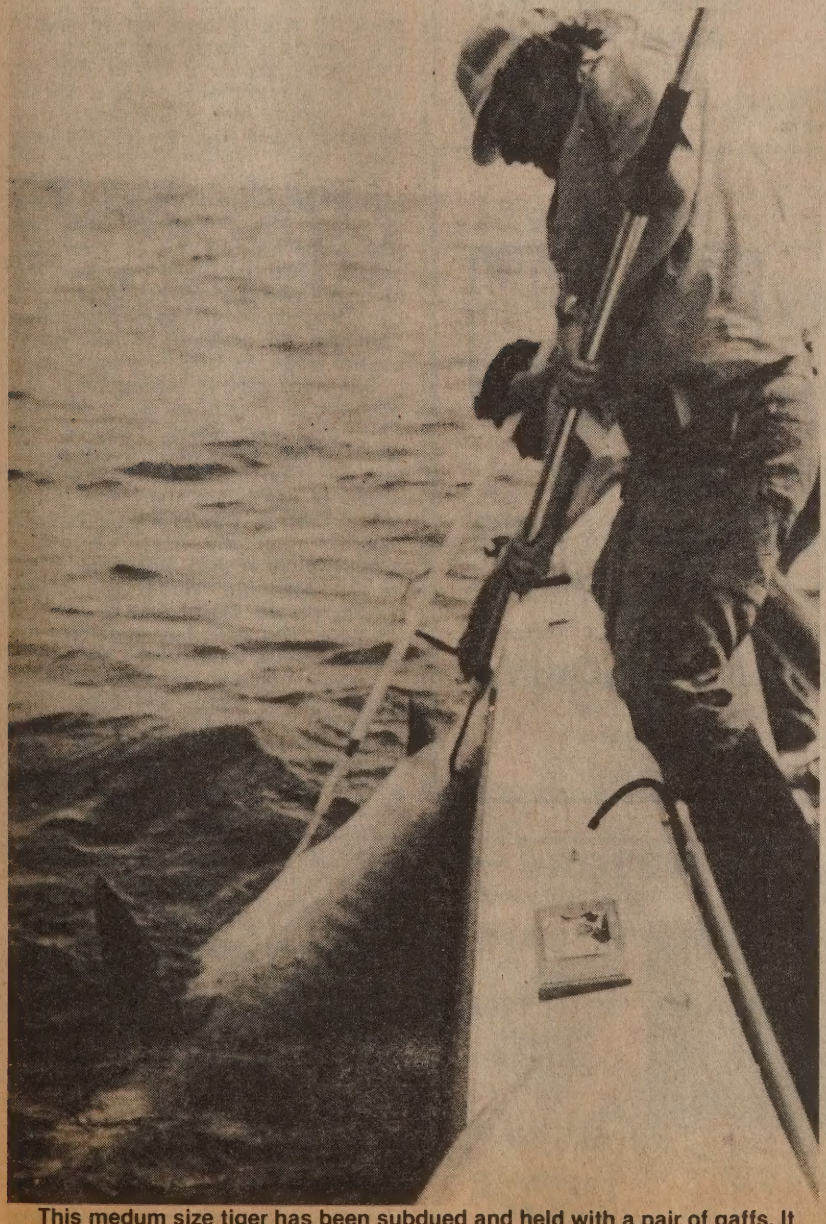
what kind of animal the shark actually is. Makos are worse and a great white is more trouble than I wish to have. Tigers carry a lot of bulk weight and they are blessed with as fine a set of dentures as any creature that was born to kill. A 500 pound tiger can wreak havoc with tackle and anything else that gets in his way, including humans or boats. Even the lean snake-like blue shark is capable of doing you harm if it is not handled properly, as it is led to the boat for tagging or just to be released.

You must exercise caution when handling any shark. It is too easy to make a mistake that could cost you or a crew member injury. I usually release all the sharks I catch except for a mako or two that will eventually be served up hot and sizzling from the outdoor grill or from the broiler. If you have not yet tried mako steaks you are missing out on one of the ocean's great treats and I suggest you make it a point to give it a try at your first opportunity.

First, however, you must catch the mako or you won't have those tasty steaks to eat. I do believe the catching is reasonably easy if you follow a few easy to master techniques, and a couple of others that may not be quite as simple.

Most experienced sharkers use a chum slick to attract the toothy critters to the bait. Generally menhaden is used to create the chum. The oily fish are passed through a grinder and the resulting mess is fast frozen in five gallon containers which will then be sold at one of the shore area bait and tackle outlets.

We've used bunker chum for many years and have yet to find anything that will serve as a better shark attractor. However, some sharkers do use ground up mackerel, herring or bonito to create the chum slick and they seem to catch just as many sharks as do anglers who use only the bunker.



This medum size tiger has been subdued and held with a pair of gaffs. It will be tied off with head and tail ropes and tied to gunnel.

At any rate, you will be chumming and most sharkers prefer to drift rather than fish at anchor. On a good day, with moderately brisk winds you might drift for several miles during the course of the day and in that time you should pass over many sharks. The long drift will certainly increase your chances of catching.

We have been using an "automatic" chummer. This is nothing more than a plastic milk carton holder which was originally designed to hold a dozen quarts of milk. It is just the right size to carry a five gallon bucket of chum in the inverted position and it does cut down on the work that is normally involved when chumming.

You can chum in the traditional manner, but it is a lot more work and not really that much more rewarding in terms of fish caught. We have not bothered to mix chum and sea water for several years and haven't noticed any decline in the number of sharks we attract.

Big game tackle comes in all price ranges to fit the pocketbook of all anglers. You could purchase expensive lever drag reels, dacron line and graphite trolling rods or you can go the less expensive route and pick up some standard star drag type reels, a premium monofilament line in 50 or 80 pound and a stand-up fighting harness. If you really want to get fancy you might consider installing a small fighting chair in the stern, but for most sharking you will find the harness will carry you through the fight without too much trouble.

We've had four outfits on the boat for the past three years and find them totally adequate for shark fishing. A pair of 50 pound outfits and a single 80 pound outfit are just about standard. To these we add one 30 pound rig just in case we have a small shark in the slick and want to enjoy the fight on reasonably light tackle.

Reels such as the Penn Senator, Daiwa Sea Line or Shimano Triton are adequate for most sharking. In fact, I've used this type of star drag reel for many years and find them trouble free and reasonably priced.

You have a lot of scope in rod selection. Today's custom rod builders offer an array of class equipment at a fraction of the cost that was common years ago. Also available are commercially manufactured big game models in 30, 50, 80 and 130 pound class at prices to fit every anglers pocketbook.

We've used the Daiwa and Shakespeare Tournament grade trolling rods and find them trouble free and just as satisfactory as many of the custom built rods costing much more.

I use both dacron and monofilament lines when shark fishing. The dacron does have a plus factor in that it does not stretch. On the minus side, however, dacron will chafe much easier

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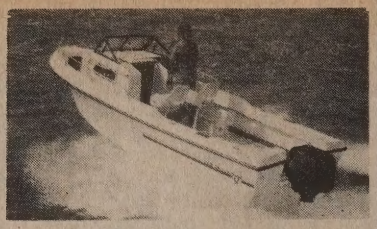

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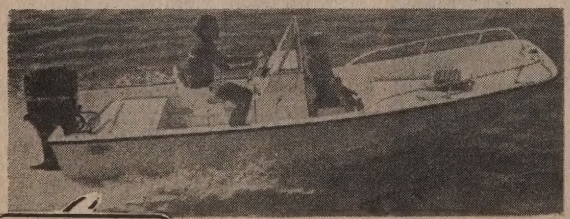

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than will monofilament and it is priced considerably higher.

Mono, on the other hand, is less expensive, does not abrade as easy as does the dacron and it is a much more forgiving line in the hands of inexperienced anglers.

We prefer the dacron, but have monofilament line on several reels for those occasions when less experienced fishermen are on board. In short, pick whichever line most suits your specific needs. If it costs a little more the additional expense may be justified in terms of more fish caught.

We normally purchase our shark rigs ready made from one of the local tackle shops. Generally, a rig will set you back about ten bucks. You can make rigs and save a few dollars in the process, but total savings is not that great when considering your time and the effort involved in making a half dozen or so shark rigs.

The three rod set-up is just about standard among experienced sharkers. One rig is placed way back in the slick at a distance of 100 to 200 feet and the bait on that is set so it will be deep. Ninety feet is the depth preferred by many sharkers for this long line.

A second bait is placed so it drifts back at about half the distance of the long line. This will attract those fish that enter the chum slick from the side or those that have bypassed the long line and are moving toward the boat. It is usually the least productive bait, but on occasion it will bring results when the long line does not.

Our third bait is placed near the boat and at a depth of 30 to 50 feet. This line always seems to pay off and we have had days when every shark was taken on the short line. A nice aspect of using one short line is the ability to bring it up to sharks that are hanging near the boat. On many occasions we've had makos swim up to the boat and bump the chum holder, nudge the engine or eye up the boat. The short line is perfect for catching these inquisitive fish.

You can spice up the chum slick by chunking. We usually purchase a flat of bunker or mackerel and as we drift through a productive area will dish out small chunks of these oily fish to add fish attracting appeal to the chum slick. It is a technique that works and the few extra dollars we spend for a flat of bait is a worthwhile expense.

Sharks will eat anything that does not eat them first. This means you can use any kind of baitfish that is available. We find mackerel—either whole or filleted—bunker, or bluefish fillets are the most productive shark baits. A single hook arrangement is usually preferred and the hook is placed through the bait so the bark is exposed.

Occasionally, we will add a whole squid to each bait and a bright colored plastic skirt to cover the "sandwich" and to give it extra fish attracting appeal. Sharks do not have keen eyesight and the addition of a bright skirt will bring strikes that might not

otherwise occur.

Sharks will usually grab the bait and swim off with it while they chew and finally swallow the offering. You must allow this runoff if you hope to catch sharks of any species, and it does take a little practice to learn just how much of a runoff to allow before you put the reel in gear and attempt to sink the hook.

We try to allow the shark enough time to get the bait well back in its throat. Sometimes this means only a runoff of 50 feet and at other times, it may mean allowing the fish a longer dropback before engaging the reel and setting the hook. And, even with experience you will still miss some and connect with others.

Once you have your shark securely hooked you can fight it from the standard or sitting position, depending on how your boat is set up. I do not have a fighting chair on the Mako 224 and must fight the fish from a standing position. We carry several waist type gimbal belts and one shoulder harness for those occasions when a bigger than average shark is hooked. Those who own larger crafts may find the cost of a good fighting chair within their budget. If so, it is an excellent addition and will help relieve the strain on your arms and back when fighting bigger fish.

Flying gaffs, tail and head ropes, a second gaff with a stationary head and maybe a bang stick or rifle will round out the necessities. We use the bang stick (see Reliable Gaff catalog) since it is very safe and is less costly than one of the stainless steel shotguns that are designed specifically for use around saltwater.

No shark should be brought into the boat when it is alive. If you do not shoot the sharks, tie them off at the bow or secure them along the gunnel opposite your drift direction so they are not in the way of your lines. A live shark, or one that looks dead, can do a lot of damage if improperly handled, and extreme caution should be exercised when handling even the smallest specimens.

You can enjoy this sport at a reasonable cost and I think you will find it one of the most exciting sport fishing methods available to mid-size boat owners who ply the Mid-Atlantic Coast. The original setting-up costs will run you somewhere around $1,000 to $1,500 for rods, reels, line, shark rigs, gaffs, tail ropes and other necessities.

Additional costs, each time you fish, will include two buckets of chum, a flat of baitfish for chunking, some hook baits (mackerel or bunker can be purchased while bluefish can be caught on the way to the fishing area), a box of squid and some plastic skirts to add a little color to the baits. In total, these will run you somewhere around $80 per trip, which is not at all that expensive considering today's high economy. All in all, a small price to pay for some high caliber big game action. Experience the thrills of sharking at a price you can afford!

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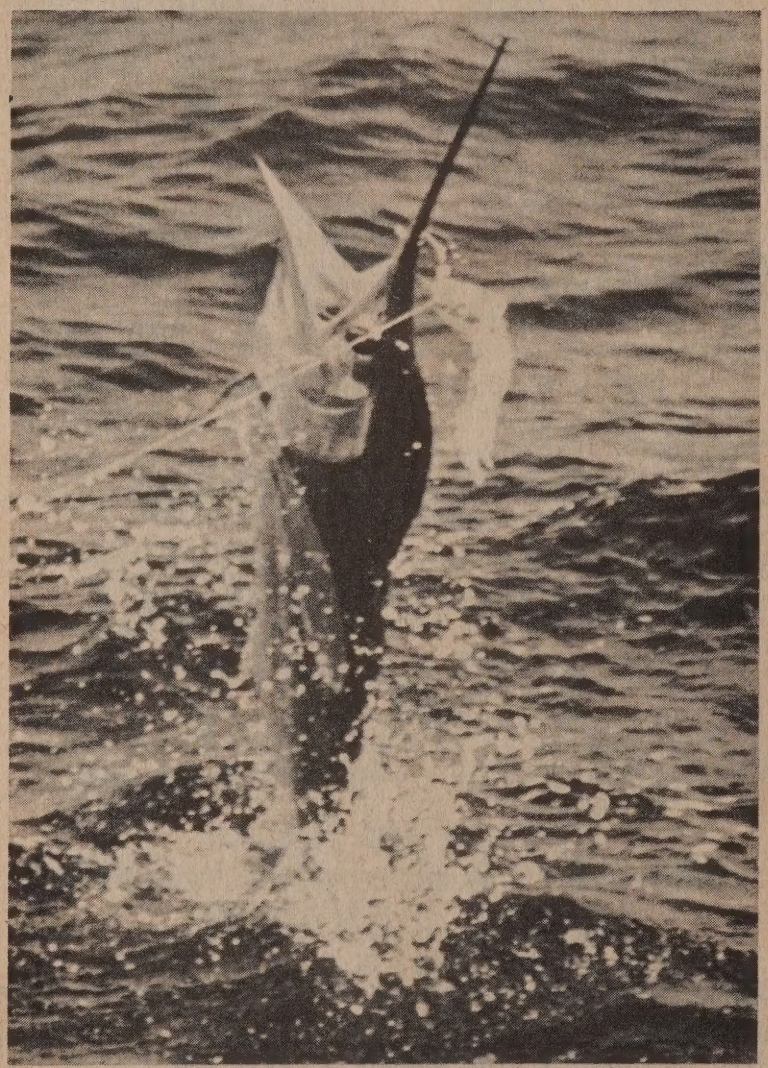
by Eric Burnley



White marlin provide thrills aplenty on the offshore grounds. Here's how to catch them!

I first started fishing for white marlin in 1972 with my brother-in-law, Paul Coffin on his 22 foot Mako "Little Boat." We boated our first white over the Labor Day weekend in 1974. The mistakes, foul-ups and bad ideas we had during those two years would fill volumes, but we learned something on every trip and perhaps you can benefit from our experience.

When you begin fishing for marlin there is a tendency to use tackle that is too big. We have seen too many movies or read "The Old Man and The Sea" too often. White marlin average between 45 to 70 pounds. You don't need 80, 130 or even 50 pound trolling outfits to land one. A good 30 pound or 20 pound rod with matching quality reel will handle any white that swims and give you maximum sport with the fish. Most of our fishing was done with 30 and 50 pound gear because we caught more tuna than marlin and a 100 pound tuna on a 20 pound rod makes for a long afternoon.

Your terminal rig will consist of a 15 foot section of double line tied with a Bimini twist and a black swivel tied to the line with an offshore swivel knot. The length of the leader will be 8 to 10 feet. Anything longer will make handling the fish at the boat more difficult and a shorter leader can allow the standing line to come in contact with the very abrasive skin or fins of the marlin.

The next choice you must make is whether to use bait or lures. In 1972 we didn't have any lures and I used bait up until the past few years. Now I wouldn't bother with rigging mullett, ballyhoo, squid or eels. I use lures exclusively.

If you want to use bait, I suggest buying a copy of Penn Reel's book, "How to Rig Baits for Trolling." If your local tackle shop doesn't have a copy, send $2.50 to Penn Fishing Tackle Manufacturing Co., 3028 W. Huntting Park Ave., Phila., PA 19132. This book shows in great detail exactly how to rig any bait you will ever use for any offshore fishing.

We've had our greatest success on squid, eels and ballyhoo. I never caught anything but tuna on a swimming mullet, but I didn't tie the best looking mullet in the ocean. A squid is probably the best bait if you are looking for your first fish to hang on the wall. Marlin eat them like candy and a hit on a squid usually results in a solid hook-up.

The problem with bait fishing is the need to tie up a lot of rigs before you leave the dock. You should have at least a dozen ballyhoo, a dozen squid and two or three eels to get through a day in the canyon. Squid and ballyhoo should be changed every hour or two and if you hit a school of tuna the bait supply will diminish quickly.

Lures must be rigged before heading offshore, but you don't need as many and they don't spoil. Once you invest in lures you only need replace those that are lost or buy new ones that catch your eye.

The original Green Machine and most of the later copies will catch white marlin. The Mold Craft Hooker and Squid also work well. My favorite color for any offshore lure is green, but sometimes it isn't the marlin's choice. Squid color, blue, pink and red or orange will all work under various conditions.

The most important thing you must do with either lures or bait is sharpen your hooks. I have always triangulated mine with a file, but at a recent seminar by Frank Johnson of Mold Craft Lures, he suggested sharpening only the tips of the hook. He said a razor sharp edge goes in quick, but as the fight continues it cuts a larger hole and the hook can back out.

Baits or lures should not be too large. Ballyhoo are usually sold by the dozen in large or small sizes and I

take the smaller ones. A 10 to 12 inch squid is about right and lures of no more than 12 inches should be used. This is the size of the bait normally eaten by white marlin and is therefore more appealing to them.

Hook size may vary but should be around a 5/0 to 6/0. Needle-eye hooks are used for rigging baits, while the round eye hooks are rigged in lures. Many lures also use a bubbler head and a rattler inside. Some have a place for putting a piece of bait or cotton soaked in fish scent.

A big rubber squid or daisy chain of smaller squid will make a great teaser. You can also use the larger size lures or make a cheap teaser out of a beverage can. The idea is to attract the marlin to the boat where he will take a lure or bait. If the fish comes in on the teaser let him play with it until you get a lure or bait in front of the teaser. Then pull the teaser out of the water and quickly replace it with the lure or bait. The marlin usually pounces like a cat on a mouse.

I set my trolling pattern with four rods and two teasers. Two lines run close to the boat just beyond the turbulence caused by the props. Then come the two teasers. The outrigger lines are run back and fished on the leading edge of the wake. I will vary this distance depending on sea conditions and may drop a line back as far as 75 or 100 yards. I have taken two white marlin on this long drop-back using a white Jap feather and a strip of Uncle Josh's Offshore Pork Rind. I don't know whether to classify that as a lure or bait. Trolling speed varies between five and seven knots.

White marlin are a blue water fish, but not necessarily a deep water fish. You'll find them out in the canyons, but I have caught and seen many more between the 20 fathom curve and the edge. They prefer water temperatures in the 68 to 76 degree range.

Trying to figure out exactly where white marlin will show up from one day to the next is like picking a lottery number. If weather conditions remain stable, you may hit fish in the same locations two days in a row, but don't bet on much more than that. They migrate north and east and seem to be moving all the time.

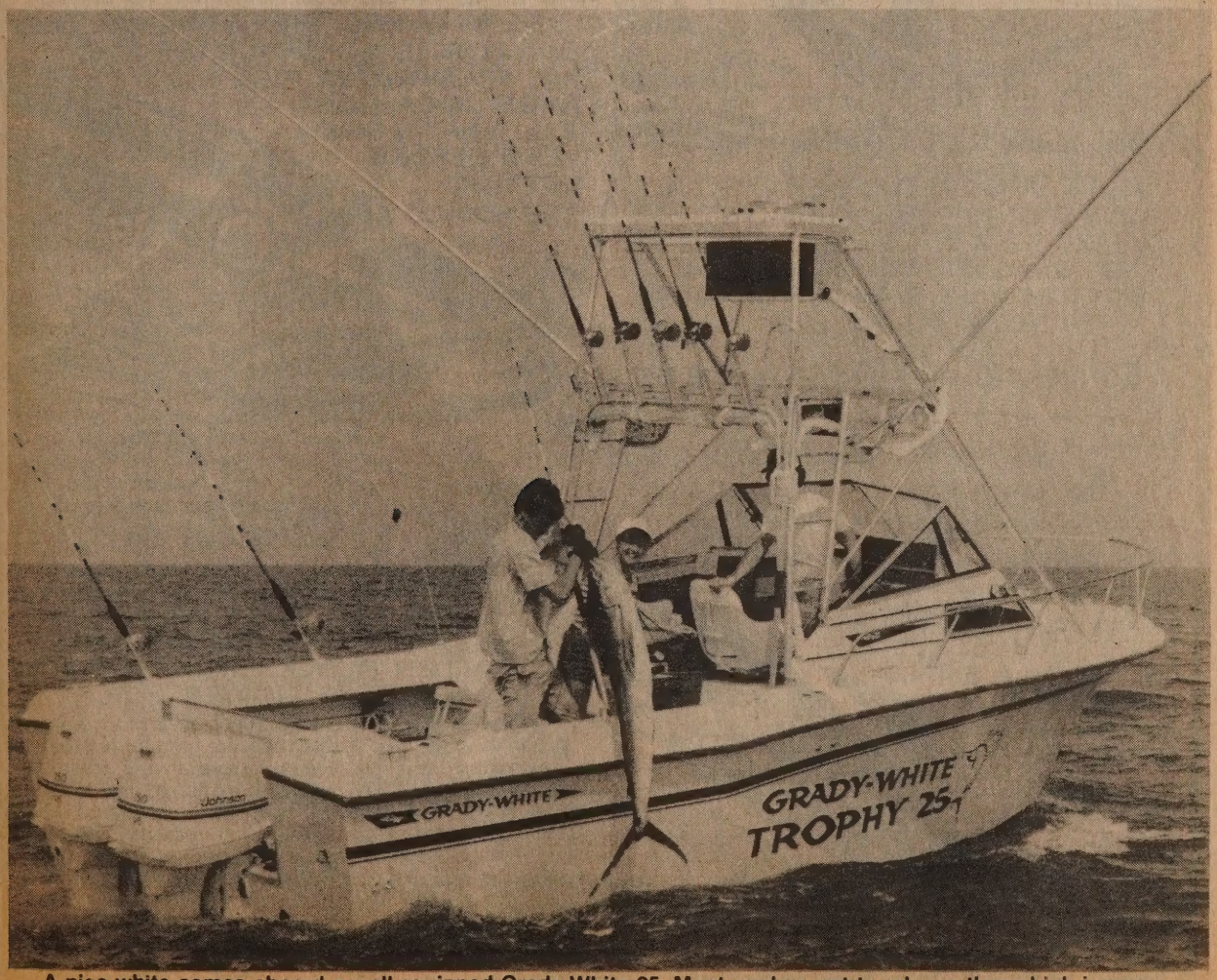
Weed lines are usually excellent places for white marlin and you should never pass one by. Troll as close to the weeds as possible and stick with it.

Any dropoff, curve or edge can hold whites and you can also catch them in open water where there doesn't appear to be any structure. You can fish a spot early in the morning without results and then hit fish at the same place later in the day. I can't tell you how many times I have heard on the radio that a white marlin was caught from a spot we left an hour ago.

White marlin travel in schools, so if one is caught chances are more are around. On two occasions, I was lucky enough to be in a school of whites feeding on squid. That is one of the most exciting events in fishing.

To say that white marlin jump is to make a great understatement. They can do more aerial acrobatics than an Olympic gymnast. I am always amazed when we get one to the boat because I don't know how the hook stays in.

The white may not be the biggest marlin in the ocean, but he is definitely one of the most exciting fish that swims. You can catch them from Cape Cod south to Cape Hatteras, so they are available to all of us. Their tendency to come inside the canyons makes them attractive to the small boat fleet, so if you haven't gone after one you should consider it. Given an even break on tackle, they are as sporting a fish as you will ever catch.



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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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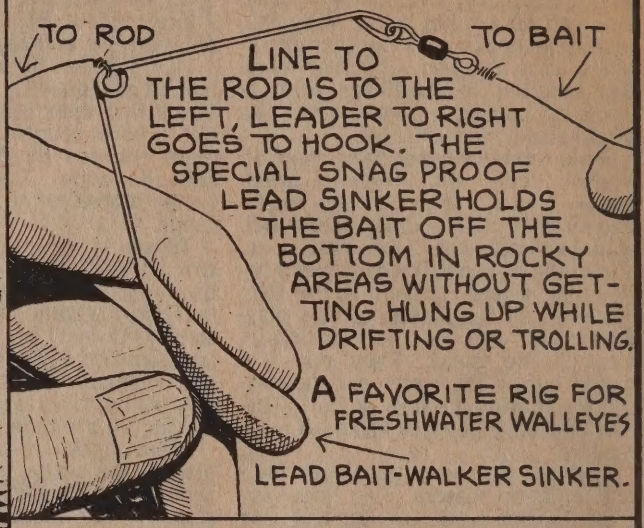
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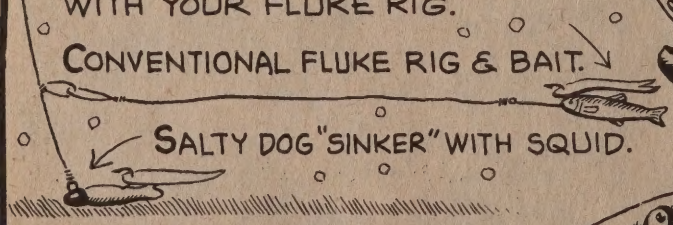

FLY FISHERMEN SAY THAT AS SUMMER PROGRESSES, STEP DOWN THE SIZE OF YOUR FLIES FOR BEST RESULTS — OR TIE ON A SMALL DROPPER FLY AHEAD OF THE POINT FLY.

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TUNA SURPRISE AT PATCHOGUE

by Tom Schlichter

Open boat anglers get a unique opportunity to do battle with one of the oceans toughest gamefish.

A lone sea gull cried out in angry protest as it lifted itself from the water to avoid being run over by the Captree based party boat. With several apparently strained flaps of its wings, the bird slowly circled to its right. Gliding now, the gull rode softly upon an invisible gust of wind until I lost it in the blinding light of the bright, burning sun. The boat meanwhile continued to forge ahead, the droning sound of the engines becoming merely background noise as the ship sliced through the slight chop.

Our location was roughly five miles south of Fire Island's clearly visible shoreline, in a rather broad area known to local anglers as the "Patchogue Grounds." We were, of course, searching for bluefish. After about ten minutes of slow prospecting, the skipper announced over the boat's loudspeaker that a school of fish was passing beneath us and with a toot of the horn, informed the passengers that the time to fish was now at hand.

I put my reel in free spool and watched the reflections of my six ounce jig as it quickly descended out of sight. Feeling the lure strike bottom. I engaged the reel and began to retrieve as fast as my hands could crank the handle. Within seconds, several anglers along the port rail had connected. I watched even as I continued to race my own jig through the water as the happy fishermen strained to control the medium sized blues. In short order, four or five blues in the four to six pound range were hoisted over the rail. Still, my line went untouched.

All factors seemed to indicate the making of a great bluefish day, but it was not to be. Although the winds were blowing just strongly enough for a comfortable drift and there were plenty of sand eels in the water, the bluefishing went dead after the initial flurry of action. What's more, the wind subsided and the current slackened, leaving our vessel becalmed. Despite the captain's searching we couldn't relocate the blues and even when a school did pass below the boat, few fish seemed interested in the tin and plastic offerings. The day, however, would be far from a wasted effort as King Neptune had a few pleasant surprises in store for the passengers and crew.

Landing a pair of yellowfins such as these displayed by the author, is the ultimate in open boat angling.

The boat continued to drift slowly for another two hours or so, save for an occasional short move. Some fishermen put their rods in holders to take a lunch break. Most anglers, however, continued to fish although their retrieves had become half-hearted. Then suddenly, out of the blue you might say, the cry of "Fish On!" called everyone to attention. Anglers in the cabin ran to their fishing positions and those already at the rail quickened their retrieves. But all the commotion at the stern of the boat hinted that more than a bluefish had been hooked and indeed, it was a yellowfin tuna at the end of a straining angler's line. The fish had hit a green tubed, Ava 47 jig and now seemed headed for Novia Scotia. Unluckily for the tuna, the jig it had chosen belonged to a man who had spent many years on party boats and

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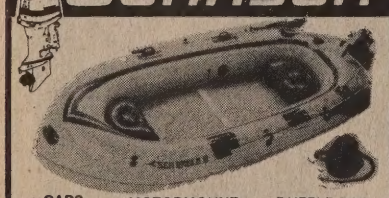

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the experienced fisherman expertly played the 40 pounder for the nearly 20 minutes it took to bring the tuna to gaff.

In the meantime, several other tuna had appeared off the boat's stern and were now freely darting in and out of the chum slick. Butterfish baits and tuna hooks were passed out to those who requested them. In the course of the next two hours over 20 tuna were hooked. Excitement among the passengers was tremendous as each waited in anxious anticipation for the hit that could mean that they, too, would get in on the action.

In retrospect, that trip was one of the most exciting I've been on in 14 years of party boating. Few sights in fishing can get the blood running as hot as a 70 pound tuna darting through the chum slick or literally ripping line from a straining reel. Party boats on Long Island do not often head out with tuna as their main target, but last season, the Captree fleet experienced some fine yellowfin action while working the bluefish on the Patchogue Grounds and fishermen riding on these boats this season should have just as much chance of hooking up as last year.

The Patchogue Grounds, so named because they roughly parallel the village of the same name, each year attracts large schools of baitfish to its currents and thus game fish tend to hold here also. While famous for its consistent bluefishing, tuna often suprise jiggers looking for bluefish here. On days when it's obvious that the big fish are around, experienced fishermen often switch to butterfish or smelt baits. Cut into small chunks (although small ones are often hooked through the eyes and fished whole), the bait is allowed to drift out into the chum slick with no more than a shot or two, if any weight at all. As with bluefishing, the line drifts out for 100 feet or so at the speed of the tide before being retrieved to start over. Pickups are unmistakeable as line will immediately begin to peel rapidly from the reel. It's best if you allow 15 to 30 feet of line to free spool before engaging the reel and leaning back on the rod.

Since tuna must be considered an incidental catch from the party boats by any standard, and in light of the fact that bluefish will be your main quarry, standard bluefishing equipment is what you should bring along. Rented boat rods or sturdy bluefish sticks will boat a tuna provided you bide your time and play the fish carefully. Ideally, a good 4/0 reel such as the Penn Senator and a heavy six to eight foot rod should be brought along. This way, if the tuna show up you will be better prepared.

At the start of this article I mentioned that over 20 fish were hooked on that trip. Only five were actually boated. This was not so much a reflection of the tackle being overmatched as it was of anglers being caught by surprise. The vast majority of fishermen panicked as the tuna began their first run. Many anglers tightened down on their drags and some even tried to crank the tuna in—even as their drag was letting out. Still other fishermen lost fish to weakly tied knot or cheap swivels that may have bested a 10 pound blue, but were certainly no match for the powerful tuna. One fisherman broke off a tuna because he put his hand over the spool to stop the fish from taking line against the drag even though the reel still had more than half a spool of line left.

On the other hand, an angler boated a 50 pounder on 30 pound test spinning gear! No matter how you cut it, some fish are going to be lost, but those fishermen who keep a cool head and clear mind will have the best chance of hooking up and landing one of these magnificent game fish.

Although bluefish hooks can hold on to a yellowfin, tuna will bend them if you make the slightest mistake. For this reason, it's a good idea to take a minute and switch over to a small forged tuna hook. These hooks are specially designed with the tuna's small mouth and powerful body in mind. Your line will most likely snap before this hook even thinks of bending.

In regards to jigging, the procedure is basically the same as bluefishing except the speed of retrieval should be slightly slower. Special jigs with small tuna hooks in place of the traditional style are available at most tackle shops and it is a good idea to have at least one of these in your tackle box just in case.

Whether using bait or jigs, make especially sure that the knots you have tied are strong and proper. Jigs and hooks should both be tied with clinch knots, but be sure to make seven or eight turns rather than the usual five and leave at least a quarter inch tag end to allow for knot slippage. A smooth, properly set drag, plenty of patience and a lots of guts and determination are necessary to whip these handsome battlers. When the hook is set on a tuna, the fish responds immediately with a powerful, sizzling run. Any angler who has never before tangled with one of these brutes is likely to become quite alarmed at the amount of line this first run can strip from your reel spool. One fisherman, after breaking off a 30 pounder, told me it was "like hooking a speedboat! I never got a chance to crank the handle!"

The sight of line quickly vanishing from the reel is often enough to cause even experienced fishermen to tighten down on their drag. This, all too often, is the fatal mistake. Tightening the drag even just a little, while the fish is running, can put that extra ounce of pressure on the line or knot that causes it to part. Try to keep in mind that as line is stripped from your spool, the drag naturally increases on its own. Adding to this natural increase may put you over the breaking point. I cannot stress to you enough that if your drag is properly

set at the beginning of the fight, it should be left untouched for the duration.

Indeed, the biggest obstacles for most anglers to overcome are panic and a temptation to tighten the drag as one realizes that the tackle used may be a little less than adequate to handle these fish. If worked properly, however, 30 pound gear is more than enough to whip most medium sized tuna and heavier gear puts the odds further in your favor. Most yellowfins in this area, by the way, weigh less than 50 pounds although some larger fish occasionally mix in along with a few bonito.

During the course of the fish's first run, attempt to hold your rod at a 45 degree angle to the fish. Follow the fish along the rail as he steams away, just as you would a large bluefish. If possible, try to work the fish toward either the bow or the stern to lessen the chance of tangles. Let the rod wear the fish down. Don't try to crank a tuna in while it is taking line. The effort is futile and will twist your line, weakening it with every turn of the handle. This first run can last anywhere from 100 feet to 100 yards depending on the size and strength of your opponent.

As the tuna begins to tire and the first run ends, a game of tug-of-war sets in. Essentially, the fish tries to hold its position away from the boat and your task is to pump him in closer. Regaining as much line as possible should now be the prime concern since the fish will soon regain its breath and set out on another run. This second run is usually one-third to one-half the distance of the first, although it can be greater or lesser. Following this run, the tug-of-war resumes and the process may be repeated several more times throughout the battle with the runs becoming much shorter and more sporadic.

If all has gone well to this point, you should eventually be able to muscle the fish to a position almost directly beneath the boat. In most instances, the tuna will still be too deep for the mate to gaff. Now comes the arduous task of pumping the fish to the surface. Although the tuna is very tired by this point, it most likely is not yet ready to surrender. The line you regain now will be hard-earned, coming inches at a time as the fish swims in ever tightening circles, grudgingly giving ground. Be prepared for one last ditch run as the tuna circles a few feet below the surface, and if it does surge, let your rod and drag work together to sap its remaining strength. At this point the mate should be at your side ready to stick the fish with the gaff when the opportunity presents itself.

Battling a tuna from the deck of a party boat is not easy sport. There is no luxury of a fighting chair to lean back on and half the battle seems to be just keeping your rod off the rail as the fish bares down. The struggle can last 15 minutes to half an hour depending on the fish and fisherman. Sore arms and tired backs are considered par for the course.

Now that you have your tuna on deck, what can you do with it? Well, tuna can be filleted, steaked, barbecued, broiled or even smoked. First, however, it must be bled and cooled as quickly as possible to prevent spoilage. To bleed your fish, slice the meat just ahead of the tail on both sides, to—but not through—the bone. This will allow the blood to drain. Now put your fish on ice until you have a chance to clean it. If you wish, the mate will prepare the fish for a small fee.

Primarily a daytime operation, tuna fishing on the Patchogue Grounds is not restricted to party boats. Private, as well as charter craft constantly ply these waters searching specifically for yellowfins. The methods and procedures used by these fishermen, however, are better left for another article.

In closing, let me assure you that tangling with a party boat tuna is no easy task. The chances of hooking up with a yellowfin, though ever present, are not particularly great. Your best shot, is during the month of August; so keep the tuna in mind as you look for the blues. The battle put forth by tuna are a true endurance test and will leave you out of breath, sore and tired. Oh, but what a feeling it is for those privileged few who connect!

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A STRUCTURED APPROACH TO CANYON FISHING

by Greg Venturo

The idea that fish caught within the very uppermost strata of the ocean follow structure might seem hard to believe; but read on and you might pick up a few tricks that really work.

Perhaps the most unusual part about canyon fishing is the fact that big fish caught in 400 feet of water or better, follow the bottom structure of the ocean floor. Even the name that we have given to this fishery describes the type of cover they prefer: "Canyon fishing." The word canyon, for the most part, describes a mountainous area that has a deep ravine that runs right through the middle of it. The Hudson and other canyons lying off our coast represent precisely this, except underwater.

When the canyons are hot and the fish are on the bite, it seems that anywhere you drag a lure you hook up. However, there always seems to come a time when the action slows up. This is the time when knowing how to read the water and the charts will put together a catch.

I have been fishing the canyons for about six or seven years now and in that period of time have made around 65 trips off and on, and I always seem to think that I have finally figured out the canyons, but always learn something new every year.

Last year we had just one of those learning experiences. We were working the 50 fathom line around the middle of the canyon and decided to work across the canyon and fish the east wall. Well, we made a right turn and almost immediately found ourselves in 70 fathoms of water, that was something to see on the chart recorder. One thing we noticed was a large group of fish holding right on the middle of the dropoff's ledge. We were not doing anything anyway and we decided to see if we could raise the fish.

We kept crisscrossing and circling back and forth for around 20 minutes or so and decided to make one more west to east pass over the ledge when that pass revealed the fish had moved about 50 to 60 feet up the slope. After another 15 minutes we finally had the fish break the surface and bomb the lures.

We had raised tuna up from 400 feet to the surface. We brought in several nice yellowfins and once again started the same routine as stated before. Once again, after a longer period of time, we raised the fish. The weird thing about this is that the fish returned to the same relative spot according to the Loran and the recorder. Whatever underwater currents or baits that we could not read on the recorder was holding those fish to that particular spot of bottom structure.

Five hours is a long time to run back to the barn, but the time gives you the opportunity to discuss the day's events and we sure did discuss that day and vowed to try it again. We did, and it worked.

A lot of canyon runners might be missing a lot of fish by not using the recorders and only using digital depth gauges. I know I was, until this day when we raised the fish. Sure, the majority of us would use the gauge to

John Galeani struggles to lift his 200 pound bigeye. It was caught near offshore structure.

School fish like this longfin will seek protection of dropoffs.

follow bottom contour, but I, for one, never tried to use the recorder like I would for finding blues on the Klondike. The machine gives up the fish's position and it's up to us to raise the fish. Try it.

Back to contour. As you can see by the related story, the fish were holding to cover. I am going to use some canyon slang here and I'll explain what it is you hear on the radio and how it will relate to fish structure. Sea-Lore to Midnight Express, I am on the flats north of the vortex by the pots and hooking up to some nice albies. What did I tell Len Belcaro? I was at the uppermost section of the tip (vortex) of the canyon on the flats (basically less than 60 fathoms) and was working around the lobster pots (actually their flags) and catching longfin albacore.

You can normally find lobster pot flags between the 50 to 100 fathom lines almost all around the canyon. Now, what does this tell you? It tells you that, one, you are by structure or dropoffs; two, the pots themselves are actually structure, although temporary. The pots are strung together by line and the line, in turn, is attached to flags so the lobsterman can find the pots. This 600 or so feet of line attached to the pots and flags will actually hold baitfish and, in turn, the tuna will seek the bait and once again the structure comes into play.

So, you first-time canyon runners, when you see boats following the pot lines, they are not playing string the dots to make a picture, although sometimes it seems that way. The captains are working structure. The only problem with working the pots is that big fish will play right into the pot line. They didn't get big by being stupid. They will wrap you right around the lines and if you can, you must work the fish out into open water.

If you ask someone who fished at the canyon a lot last year, "Where did you hook up most of your bigeyes?" he would probably tell you the letters. If you look at the NOAA chart 13126, I believe you will find the words Hudson Canyon spelled out in capital letters right along the west lower wall of the Hudson Canyon. That's the letters. If you hear someone hooking up at the H, you know what they are talking about.

Take it one step further and look at the structure and you will find that the H, U and D in Hudson are right by some very close running fathom lines that make good underwater eddies which will hold fish and baits. The majority of the bigeye taken last year were right by those three letters. This once again will reinforce the fact that tuna and marlin follow structure.

The Lobster Hole is an area located in the middle of the mouth of the canyon and you can see this on the chart as the first 500 fathom line heading southeast out of the canyon. This is almost kind of a sub-canyon in the canyon itself and once again, it is structure that the fish will hold to, although very, very deep.

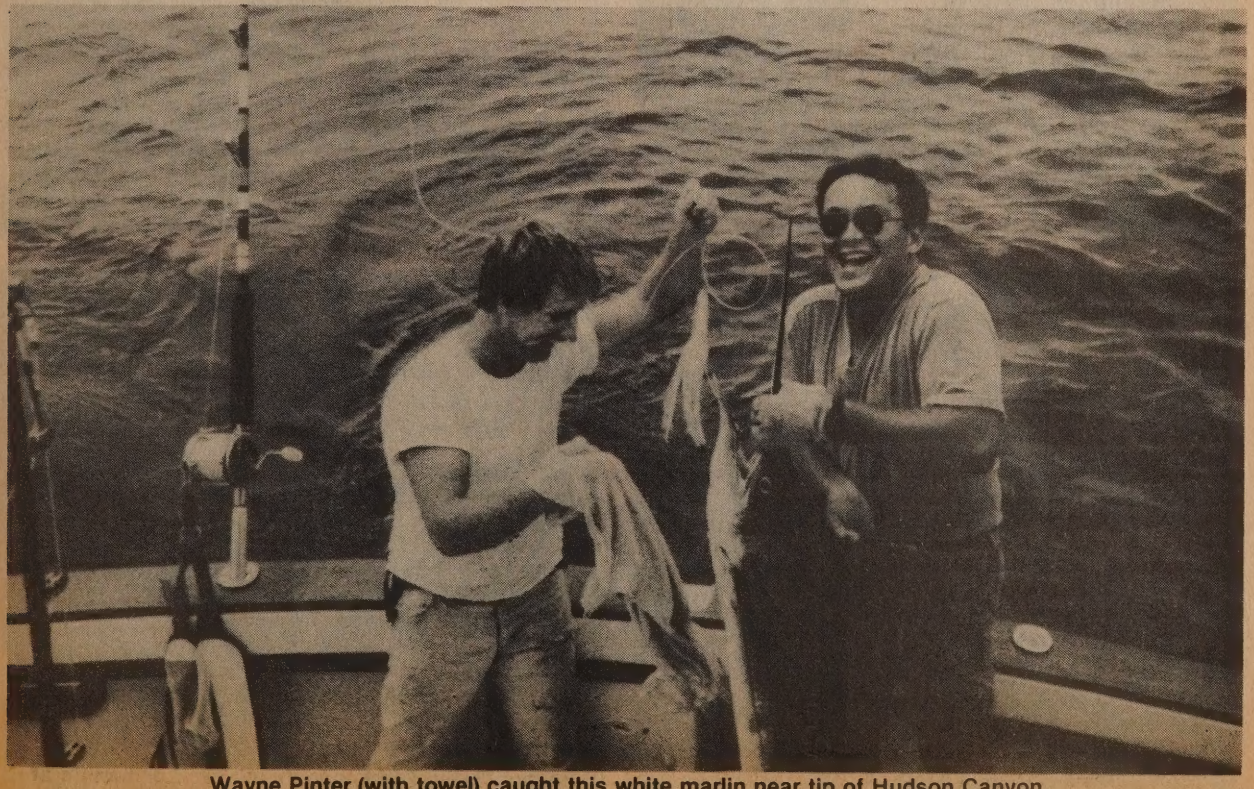
Since we are on a southerly heading, let's continue down the 100 fathom line to a small cut just before the Dumps. This cut is perhaps only a few hundred yards deep and wide into the flats and some older charts may not even show it. But it does exist. This little cut into the flats early in the season has yielded some very nice catches for me and at times of tidal influence is very evident by the eddies formed on the surface. Once again, you will notice a convergence of many different fathom lines at this area.

Just south of this cut you will find the Dumping Grounds. This area got its name from the area circled and marked for that name. Take notice that the circle goes right around a very pronounced cut into the flats and once again, a strong gathering of bottom contour.

Structure out in the deep not only is found on the ocean floor, but also on top of the water. If you ever see a piece of floating wood or whatever on top, take the time to fish around this area. I am sure many of you know that if you cast small jigs by the flotsam you can catch some nice dolphin, but don't forget that these fish are also seeking shelter from other predators and you will find that blue marlin have a strong liking for small dolphin; so work the high structure also.

Keep on the lookout for eddies that will indicate strong bottom currents that are driven up by radical contour or just the simple meeting of tidal influences.

Whether you fish freshwater or the canyons, structure plays an important role in locating fish. Leave that recorder on and don't be afraid to use some paper. Use the same techniques that you would for trolling blues going up and down the slopes and finding the fish. The difference is that this time you have to raise them to the top instead of dragging wire line down to them.



Wayne Pinter (with towel) caught this white marlin near tip of Hudson Canyon.

RIGGING A MACKEREL FOR TUNA TROLLING

by Tim Coleman

Author's Note: The fellow who supplied these photos doesn't want his name used, though he was kind enough to show readers one way to rig a mackerel to troll for giant tuna. One common pitfall for anglers trying this for the first time is confidence. Be assured the rig will catch if it swims right in the water. If it doesn't, you might go up or down on the size of the sinker plus checking to see the sinker is secured dead center on the underside of the mackerel. Prime trolling speed is 4 to 5 knots and different, successful anglers troll various lengths of line. Some put the baits way, way back of the stern, while others score with it up close. While length of the trolled line may vary most anglers like 12 feet of the #18 wire. If you have any questions or problems, drop us a line care of The Fisherman and I'll see if I can't get them answered for you.

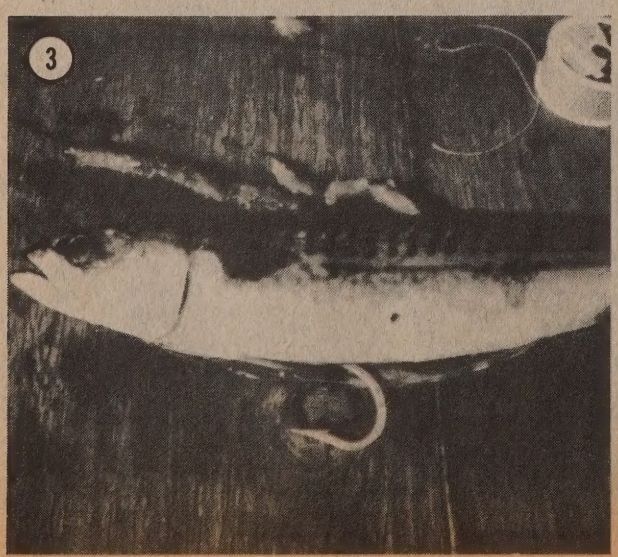
Photo One. Cut the mackerel and remove entrails.

Photo Two. Using a deboning tool, remove the backbone.

Photo Three. Put a 12/0 Mustad hook #3412C (needle eye) into the body cavity.

Photo Four. Using #18 wire, push through the head into the eye of the hook then through, coming out the underside of the head.

Photo Five. Take the end of the wire and run it through a six ounce egg sinker. You may need more or



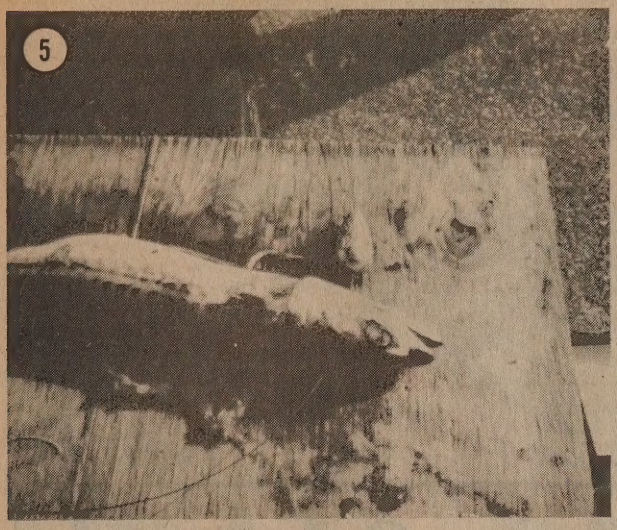
less weight depending on the boat and sea conditions. Six ounces, though, is about average for a full size mackerel.

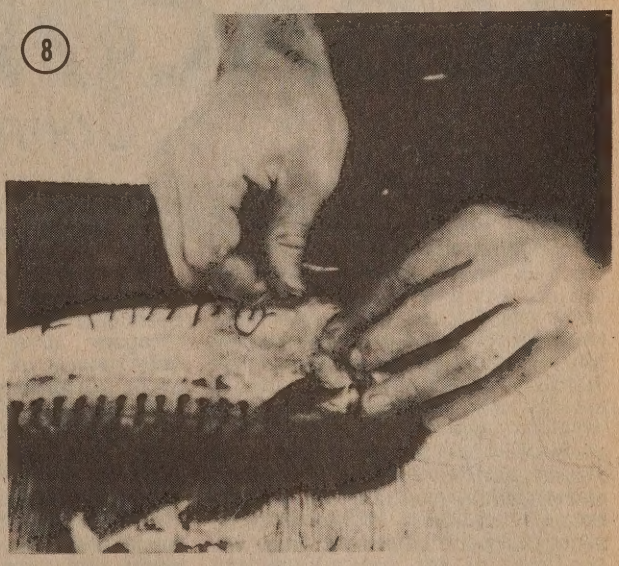
Photo Six. Take the end of the wire, and using a haywire twist, twist the wire back on itself, forming a loop.

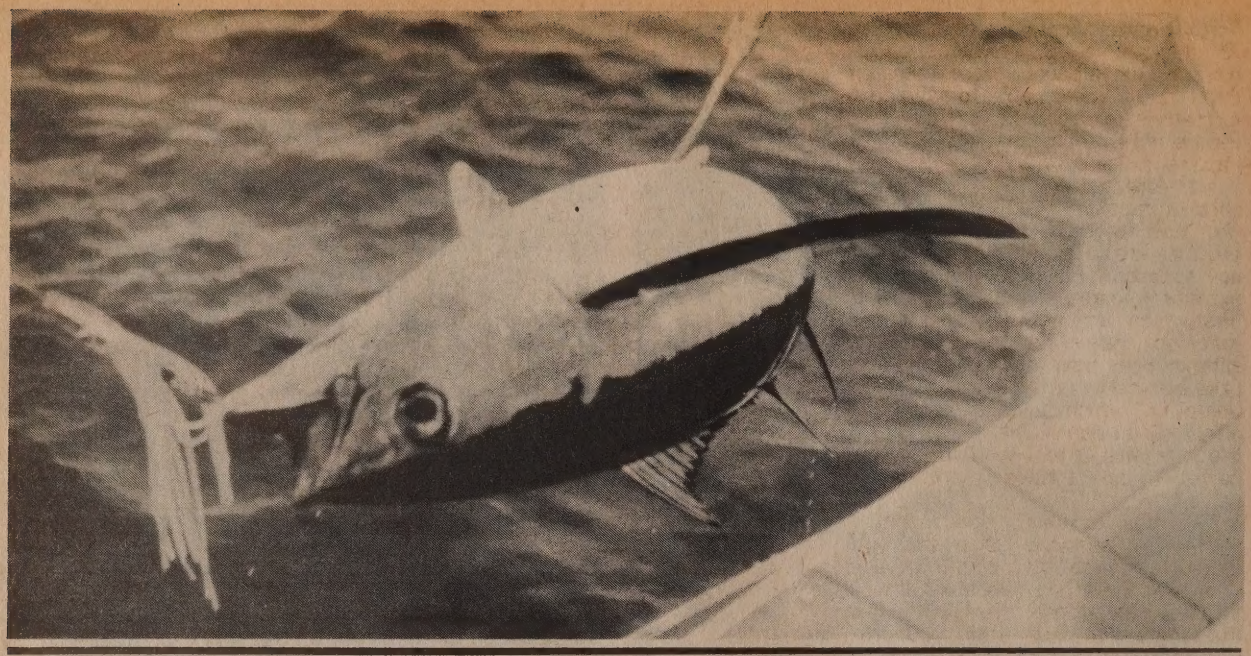
Photo Seven. Using either heavy dental floss or light dacron such as 12 pound test, sew the gills closed and mouth clamped tight.

Photo Eight. Next, with light dacron, sew the belly up past the hook so the hook will not move much side to side.

Photo Nine. This is the finished product. You should have a dead bait that will swim with realistic action.







ALBACORE ALLEY

by John Raguso

The monotonous drone of the sportfisherman's twin diesels produced the only sound of an early dawn and lulled the crew into a state of suspended motion. The only hint of any movement was the hiss of the 40 footer knifing through the gentle swells and the occasional glance of the bridge lookout as he checked the formation of plastic lures dancing in the prop wash. He blinked in disbelief as a wave of cobalt shadows seemed to rise as one from the deep blue abyss and darted nervously behind the starboard lure pattern. Before he could shout "albacore," his sighting was confirmed by the snap of the outrigger and flatline clips, as four of the seven trolling outfits dipped down in unison with their drags screaming in protest to this sudden assault. The crew, numbed by its semi-conscious state, was a whirlwind of motion in a matter of seconds. The controlled pandemonium that only a moment like this could bring, produced a universal grin on their faces. Four lucky anglers were attached to runaway rockets as the albacore lit their afterburners for parts unknown.

The game plan was to simply hold on as the "albies" drained their power reserve with that first scoring run, and to keep them coming to the boat when they tired and played the "deep circle" game. The crew had learned their lessons well and within 10 minutes, four 30 lb. class albacore were flopping on the deck, destined for the icy brine of the fish box. The lures were quickly prepared for another wave of attack, as it was back to action stations in "Albacore Alley."

This account is a frequent occurrence at one of Eastern Long Island's best kept secret fishing spots. The "fingers" area south of Montauk Point known as Block Channel has produced consistent albacore catches over the last few years for those privileged few who were in the know, with a great deal of action coming in water as shallow as 150'. An interesting by-product of this activity has been the inclusion of yellowfin and school bluefin tuna as well, but more about that later on. Let's concern ourselves initially with how to put more of the longfins into your fish box without having to travel halfway to the continental shelf to do so.

The Block Channel area south of Montauk is singled out as one of the best albacore hotspots due to its submarine geographical makeup. The various fathom curves that snake parallel to most of Long Island's inlets and gradually work in closer to the beach as you head east, jut abruptly north at this junction. The result produces the shortest trip to deep water from any Long Island port, with 200 feet of water lying approximately 17 nautical miles south of the point. As the summer's prevailing southwesterly winds push patches of the warm Gulf Stream water inshore, the various tunas, sharks and marlin who have been hitching a free ride north on the stream, follow the warm water inshore to feed on the area's natural forage of baitfish and squid. The first longfins may be caught in the canyons as early as mid-June, but as the shallow water warms, the albies set up shop in the 40 fathom areas and work north as the environment becomes more to their liking. My records indicate that a surface temperature of 73 to 74 degrees is ideal for this species. We've had situations where the surrounding water hovered in the 71 to 72 degree range producing sporadic results. But as soon as we hit 73 degree water, the albacore would rise in waves and smash the lures non-stop. Even though these silver bullets are available from June through September, August is probably the peak inshore month. These fish can cover a lot of ground in one day's time, so use the prescribed water temp parameter as your guide. An example of just how far, can be demonstrated from a Block Canyon trip we took last year. On August 5th, our boat hit the first longfin schools at 41 fathoms on the way out, at 73.1° surface temp. Our overnight stay at "the fishtail" was soured by some severe S/W winds in the 15 to 25 knot range and accompanying five to six foot seas. On our return trip the next day we figured we'd hit yesterday's Loran coordinates and load up on the albacore, but were disappointed to find the water temp at a paltry 69 at the spot we had marked the first school the day before. Presuming that the S/W winds had played havoc with the patches of surface water, we trolled

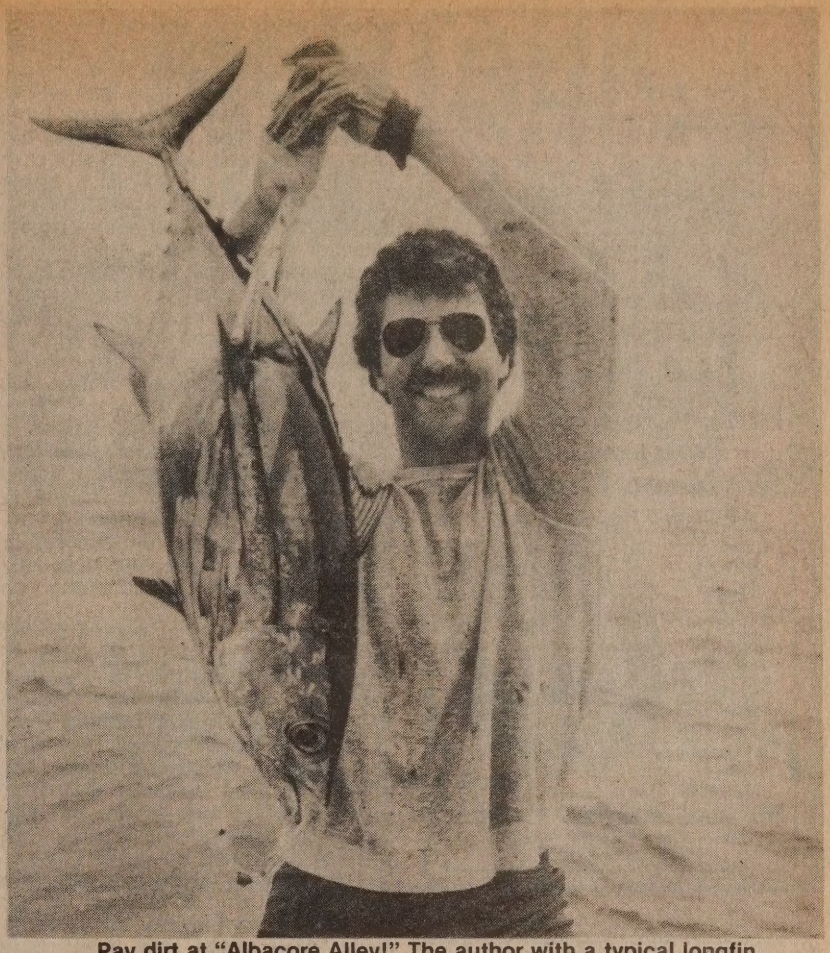
north towards Montauk and finally hit 73 degrees at 27 fathoms. Sure enough, the albacore were there in force, and we were able to salvage a formerly unspectacular trip. This represents a "homebase shift" of 25 nautical miles in only 14 hours time!

Albacore can be readily distinguished from other members of the tuna clan that frequent our waters. First off, they are not called "longfins" for no apparent reason. Albies have extremely long and graceful pectoral fins which are significantly longer than any other tuna species, and extends back past the anal fin. Their greatest bulk is near the second dorsal fin, which gives a "teardrop" effect. The deep cobalt coloration on the back, shades to silver flanks and is barren of any stripes, markings or spots.

The ideal tackle for these speedsters is a balanced 30 pound test outfit. Although they'll still give a decent account of themselves on 50 lb. gear, the lighter stuff will allow the longfins to show their true grit. Last season my fishing team designed and tested a rod and reel combo constructed specifically for this fishing. It consists of a one-piece 30 lb. class 7 foot Kennedy-Fisher blank and lightweight Aftco machined-aluminumed reel seat. A set of either Fuji silicon carbide guides or Mildrum Lite rollers complements this "Albie stick" along with a set of Fenwick Handhugger grips fore and aft of the seat and a machined aluminum gimbal. Attached to this is a super-tuned, "Newell-converted" 4/0 Penn 113H high speed Senator (new spool, frame, 4-1 gears and drag). The net result is a lightweight, fast firing, heavy-duty combo that will effortlessly "blow away" any tuna or marlin under 100 pounds.

Of course, many albacore are taken incidentally on 80 lb. gear when canyon fishing for the larger species, and it makes sense to use the heavy lumber if there's a possibility of a bigeye, blue marlin or king-sized yellowfin tuna crashing the baits. However, if you're specifically fishing for the longfins, especially inshore in 25 to 35 fathoms, the 30 lb. outfits will maximize your enjoyment and allow you to catch more fish before you succumb to inevitable fatigue, due to fighting the fish plus the strain of the tackle.

Regarding what size, color and type of lures to use for this species, the general rule of thumb is "anything green"; namely green machines, green feathers, etc. Allow me to qualify this with some research conducted the last few seasons. Although the classic Sevenstrand Green Machine will still take fish and is the standard for comparison, our fishing records indicate that the albacore seem to prefer lures constructed with large eyes. The theory here is that the fish hit the bait directly aft of the eye, then turn either left or right to finish off their meal. The single or double hooked rigs are most effective with the hooks placed as close as possible to this strike zone.



Pay dirt at "Albacore Alley!" The author with a typical longfin.

We've found that the green bullet-style lures that incorporate a set of large eyes will outfish the standard green machines two to one, and this has been reinforced over at least a dozen trips where the lures were put side-by-side in the wake for comparison. Reflective heads with black eyes and green skirts, like the old Fenwick Psychobeads, are worth their weight in gold in Albacore Alley. Some newer versions like the Sevenstrand pro series, Boone minnows and Schneider bullet heads work well too, but give me the old Psychobead every time! Fenwick/Sevenstrand hasn't made these in a few years, but they're still available in local tackle shops as "old stock" if you look hard enough. However, this year they've come out with this old lure in a modified, flat nose version. Predictably it's called the "flat nose Psychobead," and it features large eyes in a reflective head with heavy duty medium green skirt. These flat nose lures won't let you troll as fast as the bullet shapes, but they produce a desirable action in the 6 to 9 knot range, manifested by the continued success of the "All-Eye" and Moldcraft "Hooker" type lures. You can always add a 1 to 2 ounce egg sinker under the skirt to modify the action or to keep the flat nose lures in the water longer if you desire to troll faster or hit rough seas. Stainless steel hooks are desired for these lures, since they'll weather continued saltwater use longer than standard hooks. We also favor the hook-snelling method developed by Frank Johnson to attach the steel to the lures, but that's been described in The Fisherman on more than one occasion. Check your back issues for more details.

Standard trolling patterns work effectively, and the more lures you can stream out behind the boat, the better your chances. Be careful not to go overboard on this issue, but put out the largest number of outfits you can "successfully" handle. It's not prudent to put 8 or 10 lures in the wash when you have only three crew members on board. Albacore travel in schools and seem to strike in "concentrated waves of attack." Imagine the confusion if you and your two crew members had to tend four or five rods sporting these hooked locomotives and an additional three or four outfits still laying in the wake with a stationary boat. Don't laugh; I've seen it happen and it's a good way to tangle the lines beyond salvation, drop the fish, lose $100 worth of trolling lures and ruin a good day's fishing. Stick to one outfit for each

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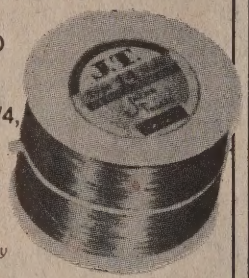

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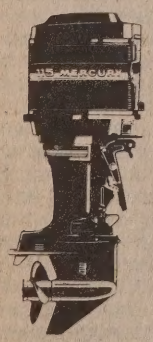

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crew member with maybe one or two extra overall just to give a "baitfish school" effect. We fish 5 to 7 rods depending on crew size and whose boat we use. Remember to use lures of the **same type** (bullet shape, flat nose, Kona head, etc.) and throw in an off-color lure or two just to break up the pattern a little bit and to offer a color alternate in case your original selection was off target. Having lures of the same head style creates a more uniform "schooling" environment and ensures that more of your lures will be hit with each striking wave of albacore. To incorporate two jet lures, two slant heads, two flat noses, two bullets, etc., breaks up your swimming pattern and will probably result in less strikes. Plus, each style lure has its optimum swimming speed (somewhere between 6 to 13 knots) and by using such a varied array, you're compromising the success of the lure spread, since your boat only travels at one given speed at any one time.

As intimated in the opening of this article, albacore have a tendency to strike in waves and then burn out for the deep blue when they realize they're hooked. Almost nothing short of 130 lb. tackle can prevent that first drag-severing runoff. Of course, the amount of drag pressure that your rod/reel combo puts on the fish will control the length of the first run, but you can anticipate an initial blast of 100 to 150 yards for the average 30 to 40 lb. albie using 30 lb. gear. If you haven't lost the fish after this opening move, next phase is a deep circle maneuver around the boat. I've found if your drag is set properly (25 to 33 percent of line strength in "strike" position), you can exert maximum pressure on the fish after the opening runoff and keep it coming towards the boat for a quick gaff shot. If you fail to exert pressure at this stage, you'll quickly learn that the albacore, like all open-ocean tunas, will get its "second wind" quicker than you will, due to a unique capillary and body heat exchange system. The result is a prolonged struggle where the angler gets fatigued more easily, you lose valuable fishing time, there's a greater chance for the hook to pull free due to angler error and you spoil the taste of your tuna due to an excessive build-up of body acids in the muscles.

This last point can't be overemphasized, since most albacore and tuna fishermen seek their quarry due to the delectable nature of their catch, or for sale to the Oriental consortiums for retail use. There are scientific methods that the buyers use to determine body acidity, specifically taking a "plug" from strategic areas of the tuna for examination. Any acid counts over a certain level either devalue your catch or are cause for rejection. If you want to learn more about this interesting subject, send an inquiry to Chris Smith of the New York Sea Grant Extension at Stony Brook University. For the nominal sum of one dollar, he'll send you detailed instructions on how to preserve and prepare your catch for either personal consumption or sale.

Once the albacore or incidental yellowfins or school bluefins are boated (try to gaff in the lower jaw or head area), bleed the fish. This is accomplished by first moving aside the tuna's pectoral fin and making a two inch deep stab wound on each side of the body about three inches behind the base of the fin. Secondly, make a deep cut at the base of the tail too, **but not through** the bone. Bleed for 5 minutes and store your catch in a deep fish box of brine (ice and saltwater). This entire process takes but a few minutes of your time and guarantees the freshest tasting tuna you've ever had. They don't call it "chicken of the sea" for nothing! Albacore and yellowfin steaks prepared properly can rival those of any swordfish or mako, but more on how to prepare them in a future article.

Finally, for those of you who can't make it to the Montauk area for a visit to "Albacore Alley," don't despair. I merely stated earlier that this patch of ocean was the shortest distance you had to travel to experience this hotbed of albie activity. If your home port is further west towards Fire Island, Jones, Debs Inlet or even north Jersey, the following areas have been known to produce great numbers of albacore, albeit slightly further offshore and with a degree of less consistency.

For anglers in the Moriches/Fire Island area, the center of the compass rose in 30 to 35 fathoms of water south of these inlet areas has produced albies and yellowfins on numerous occasions. This is a 35 to 40 mile trek, but the yellowfins have been known to move as close as 25 fathoms and even to the Patchogue Grounds in 90 feet of water (remember early September last year?) For albacore buffs that reside a bit further west, the host of wrecks that lie directly north of the Texas Tower area, 50 to 55 miles south of Jones and Debs Inlets harbor consistent catches of albacore and yellowfin tuna. Depending on the water temperature and time of year, even the deep trenches of the Mud Hole West, about 8 to 10 miles south/southwest of the HA buoy will produce albies on occasion, and of course, there's the Resor Wreck area west of Jersey ports.

In summary, albacore are swift swimmers and are notorious for moving great distances in a matter of hours. I've given you some areas to start your search, but by no means confine your longfin hunt to these locations. Use water temperature and sub-marine structure as your guide and keep a watchful eye out for the weather patterns. It's no fun getting stuck in a blow 40 or so miles off the beach. Bring along enough ice and fish boxes to preserve what you intend to keep of your catch, and if you see some wild man in a 24 foot Grady White bailing albacore, come over and say hello!

East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Larger fluke have settled into Shinnecock Bay, with loads of small cocktail blues. Peconic porgies, along with weakfish are a reliable bet as evidenced by last week's catches. Elsewhere on Long Island, porgy catches are down; hopefully will pick up with the full moon weekend coming up. A new body of fluke seems to have come in close to Montauk, while Gardiner's fluke remains steady. Very large bluefish off Block Island with improving catches at Cartwright. Codfishing at Coxes Ledge is becoming spectacular. Offshore there are increased daily catches of giant tuna. Many white marlin teasing anglers. Water temperatures of 80 degrees reported in the Canyon this week.

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Fluke to 3 lbs., averaging catches of 15 to 20 fluke per boat remained the average catch at **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** this past weekend, although one boat did return with 36 fluke and Sam Dunn of Valley Stream caught a doormat of 10½ lbs. on his boat Poor Sam. Fluke were hitting on the outgoing tide in approximately 26 feet of water fishing Gun Beach, east of the gill nets, or off Shagwong.

Although the fluking is slow on the **Viking Starship**, the sizes are all good with the pool usually taken by a fish over 5 lbs. each day. Early in the week, however, an 8 lb. 2 oz. fluke was caught by Brian O'Connor, who unfortunately was not in the pool.

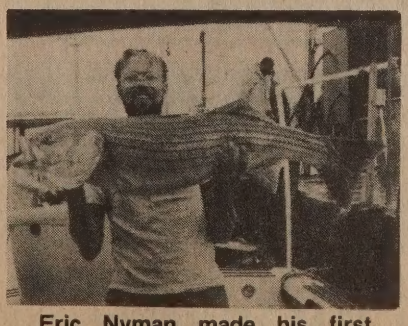
Kathleen McGrader of New Rochelle was high hook on a recent Noman's Land trip on the **Starlite** with 132 porgies. Seventy percent of the fish are in the medium range, while 30 percent are large and jumbo. Fishing is done in waters requiring only 3 to 4 ounces of lead. Coxes Ledge codfishing on the **Star** is getting hotter! On Saturday, John Sosinski and his son Anthony, of Oakdale, caught 52 cod, weighing to 30 lbs.

Gorilla blues on the **Starship** are a nightly event with fish now favoring jigs with white tubes. Fish are in the 10 to 17 lb. range, southeast of Block Island.

Porgies of varying sizes were caught on the **Flying Cloud** and **Little Bear** this week with all signs pointing to larger porgies moving in soon. Best results were obtained by drifting with clams. Quite a few fluke are taking bait means for porgies fishing at Gardiner's. Best catch of the week was made by Olin Johnson who won the pool of $140 on Saturday with an 8¾ lb. blackfish which took his clam bait on the **Flying Cloud.**

Maureen Sennefelder reported that the Puffin, berthed at **Gone Fishing Marina**, caught two giant tuna this week. Thursday night the Compromise and crew jigged close to the Point, catching lots of cocktail blues. Porgy fishing seemed to have slowed down however, fluke remains steady east of Shagwong and Culloden Point.

Captain Bob Szorc fished with Paul Scott on the **Caprice** Friday morning, returning with 110 porgies to 3¾ lbs. and later at night drifted live eels for bass of 28 and 30 lbs.



Eric Nyman made his first striper one to remember. The 33 pounder, along with a 21 pounder, was taken at Montauk aboard the charter boat "Caprice."

Paul Greenfield of Port Jefferson station fished with his friend Ray Micheliene on the Voyager, 150 degrees off the Point about 30 miles offshore for shark on Saturday. Although the pair sighted a mako and some brown sharks, a marlin took their bait as they were checking it. After a 45 minute fight, the fish, 75 lbs., 84 inches, was boated.

There appear to be lots of marlin around, if not boated. On Friday, the **Bluefin IV** with Capt. Michael Potts at the wheel, hooked up with five marlin at one time! Two of the fish were boated. It was claimed that there were so many marlin that they came after the lures which were hanging out of the water while the fish were being fought.

Edelman's Lou Rosado fished the 37-41 fathom finger on Saturday with Dick Wolcott and Pat LaFrambois on the Piscary. Lou reported water temperature of 79.9 degrees with an unbelievable amount of life—porpoises, hammerhead sharks, Portuguese man of war—and a Manta ray. Although tuna seemed to be all over, along with many white marlin, no hookups were made on the traditional trolling lures. Five longfin albacore weighing to 46 lbs. were taken on the only ZZZ Popper on the boat.

The charter boat **Joy-Sea** boated two giant tuna this past week: on Monday, a charter led by Harold Walters returned with a 662 lb. tuna

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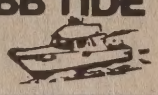

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plus eight school tuna. This marked the anniversary of the 806 lb. giant caught by Harold a year ago on the same boat. On Sunday I fished on the Joy-Sea with three generations of the Brisbano family, Frank, Joe and Linda of Harrison, NY. Joe was on the rod when a giant, which later weighed in at 509 lbs. took a bait and took one hour, 45 mins. to land. Videotape of this trip with spectacular footage of the landing of the fish will be featured on my television program **Fishing Forecast** on August 17th (Brookhaven Cable TV, 6PM Friday, 5PM Saturday). On Wednesday, a 7½ ft. 70 lb. white marlin was caught by Mike Sauter on the Joy-Sea.

Captain Zac Grossman of the **Mako Express**, reports lots of action far south of the Point with plenty of longfin albacore, some yellowfin tuna and white marlin.

The **King Wayne** enjoyed varied fishing during the week. On Monday, a party led by Randy Aloise of the Bronx caught 78 bluefish with top weight 18 lbs., fishing south of Montauk. On Tuesday, Steve Patterson of Floral Park landed a 540 lb. giant tuna fishing southeast of Block Island. On the weekend, Bill McDermitt and the Whitestone Rod and Gun Club had a good day with fluke, top weight was 4½ lbs., fishing was in local Montauk waters. On Sunday, Buddy Miles and friends from Jamaica, NY loaded up on Cartwright with blues to 20 lbs., using bait.

The **Mistress Too**, with Capt. Fritz Hubner also enjoyed a good week, tallying up three white marlin, tuna of 388 and 459 lbs.; five mini giants between 95 and 120 lbs. plus an 80 lb. yellowfin tuna.

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** reports bluefish close to Montauk Point with a lot of inshore activity. Offshore, sharks are still arond with makos providing a good share of the catch. School and giant tuna fishing is improving on a daily basis. Captain McBride still has a few open dates. See ad for details.

Rich Kahan and his friends did very well on Friday on the charter boat **Pronto** with a tiger shark of 224 lbs, plus a 70 lb. dusky. Captain Bentivegna has only a few prime dates open in August for tuna and sharks.

A 112 lb. bluefin and 97½ lb. yellowfin tuna were taken by Phyllis Reichman of NYC while fishing on the **Sheri Berri** on Friday. Sunday, Capt. Ristori boated a giant tuna of 457 lbs. while fishing with Bobby and Tod Cortell of Belle Terre.

Dawn Dorester landed a 120 lb. tuna while fishing with Capt. Paul Stern on the **Tuna Tangler.**

Seventy-three weakfish, top weight 11 lbs. and some bluefish were caught on charters on the **Vivienne** this week. Capt. DeMaio reported that at least one striped bass has been taken per trip as well.

The best trip on the **Adios** this week was on Friday when Glen Powell and his party from Lourdes Industries of Hauppauge boated three 300 lb. tuna,

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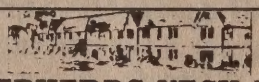

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a 71 lb. white marlin and two 80 lb. yellowfin tuna all taking bait while chumming. Earlier in the week Walter Backman of Commack boated a 180 lb. bluefin. Other tuna, one estimated at 600 lbs., were hooked, but lost before boating on Wednesday and Saturday.

Captain Greg Beacher captured his 12th giant tuna of the season on the **Dawn** on Wednesday, when Art Smith of Rye, NY fought a 555 lb. fish for 20 minutes. Later in the week, Vicky Underwood of Camden, Maine was on the rod with a 500 lb. tuna.

The **Alyssa Ann** loaded up with porgies, sea bass and blackfish fishing on the south side with Bill and Margaret Farley. On Saturday, Peter Begley and his family fished the outgoing tide along Culloden Point, Gin Beach and Shagwong, finding 53 fluke to 5 lbs. on a foggy day, according to Capt. Bill Ricca.

Seven-year-old Keith Kani fished on the family boat Surfmaster, docked at **Captain's Cove Marina** for fluke, hooking one of 3½ lbs. Outer Shagwong was the location of the catch.

SOUTH FORK

Tuesday and Wednesday were the best fluking days of the week on the Open Boat **Wilhelric** with good fishermen snatching 20-25 fluke per man. Capt Artie Lach is fluking off Gardiner's. The pool fish is usually in the 6 pound class.

Worms are producing more porgies than clams at this time.

Porgies are hitting worms rather than clams lately in the Gardiner's area, with amount of fish in the bucket depending on the effort put into fishing. A reminder, the **Wilhelric** is no longer sailing for night weakfish. Ladies day every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday!

The red spindel at the Sag Harbor Breakwater remains a porgy hot spot, according to Chris Salb of **Bayview Marine and Tackle**, with average porgy catches anywhere from 50-100 per boat. Fish are averaging one pound and are taking worms and clams. Fluking remains steady. Small bluefish are all over with a heavy concentration at Crow Shoals and Cherry Harbor. Tinker mackerel have come in with plenty of snappers. Tinker mackerel are a special fluke bait, it would pay to stock up on them for the fall dormats! Tom Hurley, while fishing blues at Gardiner's Island, trolled a 10 lb. weakfish on his umbrella rig.

Fishing a high-low rig with squid on the top hook,clam on the bottom, produced 21 weakfish to 5 lbs. along with two dozen porgies for the Caruso family--Frank, Joan, Nancy, and Anna on Saturday. They fished from **Noyack Marina** on saturday in the Buoy 17 area. On Sunday, Teddy Olivoie, Ed Rodriguez, Israel Medina, and Paul Cianciotto fished the Noyack side of Buoy 17, returning with 96

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The weekend's fog kept anglers away, however those who found their way out found the fish waiting. Plenty of small blues are throughout Shinnecock Bay claims Thom Speckenback of **Speck's Bait and Tackle**, with larger blues in the inlet. Triggerfish still abound near rocky areas. Snappers can be found in the Shinnecock canal and all creeks. Try Rose's Grove for small summer weakfish in the two to three pound range. Porgies are a good bet at the Middle Grounds and Jessups areas of the Peconics. Shinnecock fluke are a steady pick, but check for shorts. Offshore a few marlin and sharks were taken.

Fluking on the **Jenny Rose** is still holding steady in Shinnecock with most fish 1½ lbs. and up. Lady Reelers Fishing Club member, Maria, won the pool Wednesday with a 4 lb. 7 oz. fluke while Marianne took the pool on Sunday. Capt Malone reports seabass on offshore wrecks doing well. Starting Sunday the **Jenny Rose** will fish for weakfish and porgies in the Peconics. Saturday remains put aside for offshore wreck fishing. Shinnecock fluke will be the catch of the day from Monday to Friday.

Capt Gene Holland fished the Hudson Canyon on Saturday on the **Scoundrel** with a charter led by Pete Ferrigan, finding 80 degree water temperature. A tiger shark, estimated to weigh 700 lbs. (the fish was 13 feet in length) was fought for almost two hours by Dawn Brennan (who weighs 105 lbs.). The fish was released. Capt Holland remarked that perhaps the water temperature was too warm, since not many fish were seen, although a bull dolphin of 39½ lbs. was caught.

Capt Fred of the **Sea Mist** feels that offshore fishing will break loose this month. On Saturday Sal Federico caught a 254 lb. tiger shark, while on Friday a mako and brown sharks were seen. Capt Fred reports lots of bluefish in 90-120 feet of water out of Shinnecock.

Twelve year old Tony Vaccaro Jr., fought and landed his first white marlin while fishing with his dad, Tony Sr. and friend Claude Jenkins members of the South Shore Marlin & Tuna Club. The fish was caught on the family's 17ft. Boston Whaler, fishing 24 miles southeast of Shinnecock inlet. The acrobatic fish made 15 jumps, weighed 53 lbs, was 87 inches in length.

George Scheurenbrand fished with Tony Branco and Richie Buggy on Justin W, drifting a live eel early Tuesday morning in the Shinnecock Inlet. Result: a striper of 40 pounds, 8 ounces was brought in and weighed at **Corr's Fishing Station**.

Jay Kowalski reported that the boats that fished during the week returned with anywhere from 10-20 fluke, larger in size than past weeks, with many fish in the 3-5 pound range. On Saturday, Pat Finore and Jack Petrick caught 22 fluke at the

West Jetty using bucktail laced with squid. Their surprise catch however was a 7½ pound blackfish which took the lure and was actually followed bya school of blacks.

Sunday most rental boats fished near the mouth of the Shinnecock Inlet with an incoming tide all morning producing very good catches. Tony Kalman had 12 fluke to 4½ pounds, using fluke belly and sand eels. Jim Weaver and Barbara Baxter used bucktail and squid for 20 keeper fluke; Frank Marfe and Steve Vasey returned with 35 fluke; Alex Evreinor caught 25. It was noted that most of the larger fluke were feeding on small butterfish. The hottest lure seemedto be a bucktail laced with 4-5 inches of fluke belly.

Marvin and Marilyn Kunins fished the Canyon on Thursday on the family boat M & M returning with 20 albacore tuna and a 150 pound bluefin tuna.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Excellent fluking overshadowed the gloomy weather which comprised most of the weekend in this area. Both Moriches and Great South Bays produced large numbers of fluke and in each area there was more than an adequate supply of keepers to spice the fishing. Bluefishing was very good outside of the inlets in depths ranging from 40 to 80 feet and not much further off, tuna from schoolies on up surprised a fair share of bluefish hopefuls southeast of Fire Island Inlet. White marlin also made the scene this past week a relatively short ride from the beach.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

L.I.F. Managing Editor Bill Muller teamed with Nick Castoro of **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** on Friday. The pair kept two dozen fluke of 16" and more of the 60 fish taken during the day. Largest was a 5¼ pounder but four other fish were in the 4 pound class. They worked the buoy 29 area using bucktail and killie combos. Nick noted that fluking has been excellent of late with plenty of action and a keeper ratio of 1:3. Best of the action and the largest fish are taken on the last three hours of incoming water. Flounder are still available but are small, ranging from ½ to ¾ pound. Blowfish have been scarce.

L.I.F.'s East End reporter Lorry Mangan teamed with L.I.F. writer Tom Schlichter on Marty Rubinstein's boat Poquod on Friday. Fishing out of **L & M Marine** in **East Moriches**, the trio totaled over 3 dozen fluke, keeping 13 in the 15-16 inch range. Fishing was done at slack water and the beginning of the Ebb. Spearing or small snappers fished in conjunction with a strip of fluke belly worked best on the fish.

In spite of heavy rain on the 21st of July, the Young Anglers Fishing Tournament held out of **Tadsen's Fishing Station** produced a trio of winners. Kenny Eimer took first with a 2 pound 15 ounce fluke. Ricky Bovich took second with a 2.3 pound flounder and Laura Sandberg finished third with a 2 pound triggerfish.

A decent number of 2-3½ pound fluke being taken at the Elbow, in the New Cut and south of buoy 36 according to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches.** Boats are averaging 20-25 keepers apiece and returning two or three times that number. There are still flounder available south of buoy 33 and east of buoy 35 but these fish range from only ½ to 1 pound. Crabbing in the coves has been excellent for those who spend the time. Small blues are still in the bay with the best action on weekdays when boat traffic lightens up. Good snapper fishing off of all the local docks.

Six-year-old "J.J." Gianrotune with a pair of nice fluke taken from the Seaford area. LIF subscriber John Gianfortune sent along the photo.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Snappers have been creating quite a stir around these parts said Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Plenty of the baby blues are now at all the local docks and the size of the fish has improved considerably. Some fluke still being taken from the docks but most are shorts. There have been some decent catches of fluke reported from just outside the mouth of Brown's River though the best fluking remains between the lighthouse and the inlet. There were very good fluke catches reported from this area

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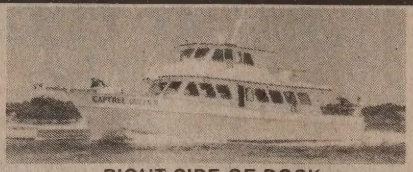

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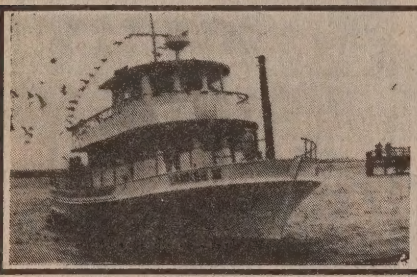

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on the weekend. On the freshwater side, Yaphank Lake produced yet another fine largemouth. Dave Olander took a 4 pounder on Sunday.

Over at **South Bay Fishing Station** in **West Sayville** Vinnie O'Neil spoke of good fluking in the N/S Channel, particularly at buoys 16 and 17. Small summer run weaks now in good supply at buoys 29 and 30. Drift or anchor with strips of squid to take these 1-3 pound fish. Some small blues mixed with the weakfish.

Dave Canale of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** checked in a catch of 4 dolphin from 18 to 22 pounds taken just NW of the Dip aboard the Jim-Jay on Saturday. Inshore there were lots of small weaks in the 1-4 pound class taken on squid strips at buoy 30 and buoy 12. Fluke were abundant at the inlet and along the Oak Beach shore with some bigger fish taken in the latter location over the weekend. A few blowfish at the mouth of Browns River and some big porgies near buoy 12. Youngsters have been having a ball with snappers. Jack, Michael and Lori Lee DeNicola had 21 in Great River, Mark and Eric Steinmann took 34 from the West Sayville dock. Eight year old Amy Goldstein and her brother Marty put away a bucketfull. Amy managed 16 by herself.

Good fluking at the lighthouse and the inlet in recent days according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**. Still quite a few shorts but also a good showing of 2-4 pound fluke with the best action on incoming water. One boat looking to troll blues just outside the inlet on Sunday morning instead took 10 bonita on umbrella rigs. For offshore fans, tuna and marlin action been found SE of the inlet in 90-120' of water.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee** has been extremely pleased with the recent fluke action. He has been working around West Island and the Lighthouse and finding plenty of the summer flatties for both the morning and afternoon trips. Keeper ratio ranges from 1:3 to 1:1 and there have been a decent number 2-4 pound fish taken on each trip.

This past weekend featured L.I.'s largest tournament in terms of prize money. The competition was limited to 50 boats by invitation and according to Tournament Director Dick Svoboda, the First Annual Capt. Bill's Marlin and Tuna Tournament was hailed as a huge success. The affair with a total purse of $50,000 was co-sponsored by Canyon Anglers and Capt. Bill's Restaurant and Marina. Some very impressive fish shared the winnings. Norman Doctoroff put a 344½ pound blue marlin aboard the Gemini to lead the way in that division. In the white marlin category, Ray Schmitt took 1st with a 76 pounder aboard his **Wide Open**. Harold Erdich took 2nd with a 61½ pounder aboard Spare Change and Henry Tanange nailed down 3rd spot with a 61 pounder taken aboard the Glass Machine. The tuna division was nailed

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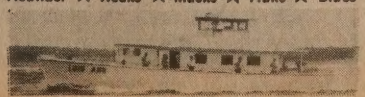

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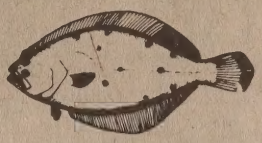

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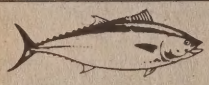

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Maryl McIntyre's 6 lb. fluke was a pool winner aboard the "Miss Point Lookout."

down by a 548 pound bluefin taken aboard Dick Svoboda's **Miss Marion IV**. Dick left Friday morning and did his fishing south of Block Island. The big tuna was taken during the day Saturday with the boat just making the 5PM deadline by less than 20 minutes. Artie Orlandi copped the second spot in the tuna division with a 357½ pound bluefin. The largest big eye of the tourney went to Dan Mongno aboard the Red, White and Blue. It checked in at 287½ pounds. Dick reported at total of 21 white marlin taken over Friday and Saturday with 18 of the billfish tagged and released by competing anglers. In addition, 24 tuna over the 60 pound minimum entry weight were logged in. Nearly all were bigeyes with a sprinkling of yellowfins. Dick credited Karl Anton, Jr., owner of Capt. Bill's and his assistant, Marty Karrow with helping make the event the success that it was.

According to Capt. Carl Passero of the new **Miss Captree**, fluke fishing held up super over the weekend with the best catches made along South Beach on the last of the flood. The place to be on the first and middle part of the tide was down at the inlet. Carl spoke of a 50/50 keeper ratio with an average of 5-10 keepers per man for the ½ day trips. Barb and Tom Greco left the boat on Sunday morning with 15 nice keepers. Ed, Jason and Ron Wagner kept 25 of the 60 fluke they caught on Sunday's PM trip.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** also noted the continuing excellent run of fluke at West Channel and the Inlet. A good number of shorts in addition to a very sufficent number of keepers has combined to provide lots of action. Friday, Saturday and Sunday's morning trips saw a total catch of 150-250 fluke each day. Bluefishing was super on Friday and Saturday nights with fares taking from 10-30 choppers apiece. Hi-hook on Saturday was Al Bender with 37 blues to 9 pounds while much of the fishing during the week occurred on the Patchogue Grounds there was some excellent fishing just south of the Lighthouse and the Inlet in depths ranging from 40-80 feet.

Some of the Captree charter boats have been cashing in big on the current run of fluke. Capt. Joe Libertino of the **Captree** charter boat **Prime Time** found 200 keepers to 3 pounds for 20 members of the M & M Painting group. They returned 3 times the number of shorts according to the skipper who added that they worked West Channel on the ebb and the Inlet on the flood. On Sunday a 12 man party accounted for an excellent catch of fluke despite the weather. Best of this action was at the inlet on the flood. Squid, fluke belly, smelt and live killies and any combination have been producing best.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree Capt. Scotty 3** spoke of very good bluefishing all week south of Cherry Grove, The pound nets and the inlet.

Fish have been ranging between 4 and 7 pounds with an occasional larger chopper mixed in. Some fares accounting for as many as 40 blues. Night trips have been excellent with bigger fish the rule. On Saturday night, approx. 1200 blues in the 8-12 pound range came aboard. Sunday was a little tough but fares willing to work at the rail managed between 30 and 40 fish. Special boat pool is now over $350.

Fred Austin at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon** reported on a weekend trip to the Canyon made by the B.C.A. boat **Cindy Ann**. Seven yellowfin tuna, 3 albacore and one bigeye of 310 pounds were taken on the overnighter. Fred spoke of fantastic fluking over the weekend with the best of the action located at the inlet on incoming water. Blues have been roaming around in between 40 and 80 feet of water and are being jigged and trolled. Smaller blues have been working the surface in Dickerson and Steamboat Channels the past few evenings. Snappers now in good supply and good size at all the local docks.

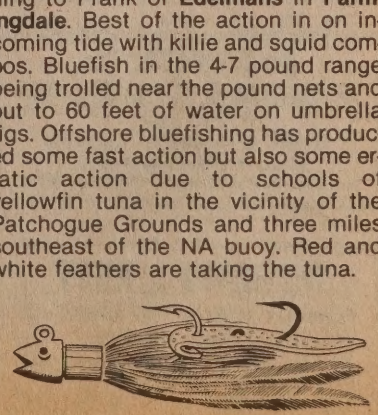
Capt. Len of the **Lindenhurst** charter boat **Fishfinder** spoke of a nice catch of 3-8 pound blues made just SW of the inlet on Thursday for the Pensabene family. Eight year old Nicole and 12 year old Angela showed the way. The skipper reported doing a big job on the fish on Friday just outside the inlet while Saturday saw Bill, Bill, Jr. and John Sherman do an excellent job with slammers to 17½ pounds. These fish were taken south of Cherry Grove in 80 feet of water.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** gave us a sample of some of the fluke scores made over the weekend. On Saturday morning Billy and Tony Colonna worked the Bell buoy to the tune of 28 keepers to 3 pounds. On Sunday, Ed and Sal Lecce worked the Inlet area and put away 22 keepers. Both pairs of anglers released many shorts as well. Mike knew of some decent sized porgies and a sprinkling of blowfish being taken around West Island. He also told of excellent crabbing in the Copiague area via traps and killie rings. He looked over ¾ bushel of big blue claws taken by one local boatman. Snapper fishing is excellent. Southard's Pond produced a 3¾ pound pickerel for Glen Miller on Sunday. He used a live shiner (roach).

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** has been making the most of his days off. On Thursday, Ralph worked the south end of West Channel with 8" red Jellyworms and took 8 weaks in the 4-6 pound class. He also had a sprinkling of small blues, fluke and even a couple of nice size porgies mixed with the weaks. Pete Webber put 23 nice fluke into his Misty II back on Wednesday. He worked the Oak Beach pocket. A few weaks are being taken near the Construction Dock evenings on white jellyworms and there are still some small weaks and blues coming out of the Copiague Hole. Snapper fishing very good at Venice Marina and Tanner Park and some nice largemouth bass to 4 pounds being taken on live killies in Southard's Pond.

Speaking from **Bob's Bait and Tackle in Amity Harbor** Bob Vitale said good fluking remains the rule and overall improvement in the ratio of keepers to shorts continues. Best of the fishing has been down at the inlet in recent days with sandeel and squid combos working best. Carl Piazza and Buzzy Bosselli chose to drift sandworms in the rips off of the Sore Thumb late Wednesday night aboard their Bandit. They wound up putting stripers of 20.8 and 15 pounds into the boat. Bob reminded that youngsters have been doing a good job on snappers at Tanner Park.

A fine weekend for fluke at the inlet and the Coast Guard Station according to Frank of **Edelmans** in **Farmingdale**. Best of the action in on incoming tide with killie and squid combos. Bluefish in the 4-7 pound range being trolled near the pound nets and out to 60 feet of water on umbrella rigs. Offshore bluefishing has produced some fast action but also some erratic action due to schools of yellowfin tuna in the vicinity of the Patchogue Grounds and three miles southeast of the NA buoy. Red and white feathers are taking the tuna.



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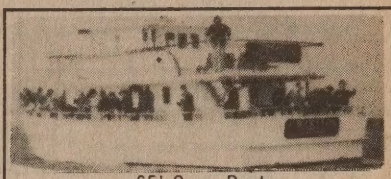
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Giant schools of bluefish are now dominating the inshore fishing scene with action from Sheepshead Bay to Captree being solid and consistent on day and night trips Thursday through Sunday. Fluking still provides plenty of action with a low keeper ratio. The offshore scene continues to progress nicely with catches of various tuna species and marlin between the Texas Tower and the Canyon.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

The Seaford charter boat **3 Sea-Sons** skippered by Captains Sig and Frank Signorelli has switched from shark fishing to tuna and marlin trolling. On Wednesday, J. Messina of Massapequa had a trip of a lifetime with six white marlin. An 85 lber. was kept and is being mounted by Fish Unlimited Taxidermy in Babylon. On Thursday's trip a beautiful 94 lb. white marlin was taken by the Rich Dreuland party with Dave Carollo on the rod. Saturday's trip led by Bill Framington of Albany had two white marlin and 3 tuna to 68 lbs. Sunday's trip for Bill Wicks and party of College Point also had tuna up to 80 lbs. Captain Sig still has three open dates in August and several in September. See ad for details.

From **Pop's Fishing Station** came word that the fluking was very good this week with boats that anchored up doing much better than those drifting. Productive areas were on the east side of the Wantagh Parkway and on the west side of the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges. Jim Noller and Lou Virgilio joined efforts Thursday to take 25 keepers on squid killie combos. The rental skiffs are averaging 8 keeper fluke per boat plus loads of midgets. On Tuesday Mary Schneider took an 8½ lb. weak at 4 Corners on a fluke rig. BCCs are just starting but snappers are all over the place running four to five inches. Bay blues at the 3rd Wantagh on bait or small tins along with a few hold-out black-fish at the pilings. The flounder's being caught now are of a smaller size.

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle told of continued excellent fluking, with about a 10 percent keeper ratio at Haunts Creek, Sloop Channel, Black Banks and the bulkhead drain. Snappers are in all the canals on shiners or small tins while stripers are being taken on bellies at the bridges at

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night. Bass are also being taken at Black Banks and in the state channel at the measured mile on live or chunk bunker. Big weakfish are being caught on sand worms fished three feet off the bottom at night at the 3rd Wantagh and the Big M. BCCs showing on the Massapequa flats.

From Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore we learned of good snapper fishing for the small fry in all the canals with snappers now 6 to 8 inches. Lots of fluke in the Wantagh areas with, of course, most being throwbacks but still some keepers. Small blues at the inlet on small Hopkins and Kastmasters. Some yellowfin tuna and a 50 lb. white marlin taken by one customer fishing the area of the Texas Tower on Green machines. Big stingrays being taken in the surf at Jones Beach Field 6, if that's your thing.

George at **Nick's Fishing Station** continues to be amazed at the huge number of fluke being caught by everyone in Merrick Bay, however, said George, there are very few keepers. Merrick Point was named as one of the super hotspots of the week. He described the bluefishing in 45 to 60 feet of water as absolutely super however, for trollers, jiggers and chummers.

Swinging over to the action out of Freeport, a call from the charter boat **Corsair** told of Saturday's trip for Emory Air Freight which struck a bonanza on blues at buoy 4 out of Debs. One drift lasted 2½ hours with diamond jigs accounting for a pile of fish up to 12 lbs. at which time the charter switched to light tackle and had a ball. Sunday's trip for the Irving Berkowitz Company had a fair to good catch of blues working buoy 4 and Ambrose Channel, putting together a good catch of 6 to 12 lb. choppers.

A call from Captain Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin Fleet** told of Tuesday's offshore wreck trip for cod with 85 cod and a few pollock taken. Big cod was 45 lbs. followed by a few in the 30s, the rest being 8 to 20 lbers. The skipper himself hooked and raised a cod estimated at 50 to 60 lbs. to within 20 feet of the surface but the fish apparently was snagged in a net on the wreck and the hook tore loose. The bluefishing trips have made excellent scores with fish to 11 lbs. Tom Tesotta of City Bank and Pete Ronderlli, of Hertz Corp., took pools this week with 11 lbers. Pete was high hook with 26 blues. Twenty-five was the score for John Gentile with all action close to Jones Inlet. Lots of fluke action for those charters but still lots of short fish. High hook on fluke

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for the week was Dick Solay.

Aboard the **Miss Freeport II** there was good fluking Tuesday to the tune of roughly 150 keepers with a 3 lb. pool fish. Wednesday's 2 PM trip saw a 5 lb. fluke captured by Elmont angler Stuart Harap. This was at buoy 17 in Reynolds. Wednesday's AM trip saw roughly 100 keeper fluke come aboard. Friday's morning trip was a bonanza with roughly 225 keepers. Mr. and Mrs. Hubler and two sons from Rockville Centre packed away 23 good keepers. Carla Paul of North Woodmere and Cathy Lerstad, Valley Stream, totalled 18 keepers plus a 3 lb. pool fish. Saturday's AM trip produced a 5 lb. pool winner for Flushing angler Philju Jin. Sunday's pool went to Bill Robinson of Whitestone with a 3½ lber. On Thursday Cary Hansen of Glendale took a 3½ lb. pool fish plus 11 others while Bob G of Howard Beach totalled 15 keepers. The boat's night bluefishing has been excellent with Thursday night a slaughter. Brian Blount , Rich DiBene, Gary Varrassi, Neil Goldstein, and Lou Turner all of Great Neck Auto Electric, totalled 187 blues including the 11 lb. pool winner. Friday night was excellent as was Saturday night with Frank Douglas of Rosedale taking the pool. Bluefish high hook was 15 for Paul Quigley of West Hempstead. All action was in th Debs buoy 4 and Jones Inlet areas.

From the **Capt. Al** we also learned of super duper bluefish action Thursday through Sunday. The night trips are averaging 600 blues per night. Roughly 1,000 fish were put away Saturday. Sacks and sacks of fish, said the skipper. Buoys 4 at Debs has been a hot piece of ocean said Al with fish averaging 5 to 6 lbs. and some up to 10 lbs. Consistency now is the name of the game and this has been the best weekend of the year thus far.

From Capt. Richie's **Starstream II** also came glorious news of very consistent and strong bluefishing day and night right through Sunday. Fish have been running 4 to 6 lbs. with a few to 12 lbs. with Friday through Sunday the hottest. All the fishing is local just a short run from the jetty on day and night trips. Many fares have had 25 fish and lots of customers are filling their burlap bags by late morning. The fishing is consistent now said the skipper.

Aboard the **Capt. Andy II** the slaughter bluefishing at night was the biggest news with a 17 lber. being the heaviest blue of the week. From Thursday night on it's just been great with the fish in close said Andy. This is all on bait and chum under the stars. The day fluke trips continue to produce loads of shorts and a few keepers.

From the **Capt. Lou Fleet** the news was of excellent fluking for the full day boat, with high hooks of keepers in the teens each day and pool fish in the 5 lb. category. Plenty of short fish, however. Aboard the half day boat high hooks also sometimes reached in to the teens. On Friday afternoon,

regular Joe had 17 keepers. The late afternoon flounder trips have been producing fair numbers of smaller flatties due to unfavorable tides but things should bounce back again this coming week with the improved afternoon tides.

Word from the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** was of the **Super Spray II** with good fluking every day including plenty of shorties but super slaughters at night on blues. Candy Hafle of No. Massapequa had a 4 lb. fluke and on Sunday Heather Flanagan decked a 3½ lb. fluke. Keepers are very good size and a 30 percent keeper ratio. Blues have been a slaughter day and night for the Association's charter boats also, fishing the Texas Towre area **Fishermen** and **Christy Lee** had yellowfin tuna and longfin albacore. However, these offshore species are eating finicky.

From the charter boat **Lady J III** a call from Capt. Pat told of Monday's trip for the John Hammer group w hich jigged blues 25 miles SW of Jones and had a good score on 10 to 12 lbers. Tuesday was a kid trip for Action Council Headstart which had a good half day of fluking. Saturday's fluke trip for Olympic Plumbing, Queens saw a 4 lb. pool fluke taken. On Sunday, another inside fluke trip for Choice Courier Service of NYC saw a few keepers swing aboard but lots of action. Pat worked Reynolds Channel and the back creeks.

Captain Dan of the charter boat **Nan Sea** called to tell of Friday's blue trip for four employees of International Harvester who had a slaughter of 8 to 16 lb. blues on bait and chum. Total score was 55 blues fished east of Cholera with the boat getting back to the dock at 1:30AM.

A call from the charter boat **Capt. Gary** passed the word of Saturday's fishng trip for St. Ann's Fishing Club having a great day on bluefish just 4 miles off the Beach. Ben took the pool with a 9 lb. blue while Steve and son were high hook with 21 blues. Fish ran 4 to 7 lbs. all on diamonds. Saturday night's trip for Danny and pals fished the same area and baited and chummed a boat load of blues. Danny took the pool with an 8 lber. while Woody went for the numbers with 19 blues. Sunday' trip for Billy and buddies had a slow pick at the channels with Joey taking the pool with an 11 lber.

Over in Pt. Lookout word from the **Miss Point Lookout** emphasized the super night bluefishing Thursday, Fiday and Sat. nights with over 1500 choppers as a three day total catch, fish 3 to 8 lbs. All action was just 3 to 5 miles south of Jones from Lido to the Jones Beach Tower. The daytime fluke trips have been fair with best action on the last of the flood and the beginnign of the ebb with lots of babies and a fair number of keepers.

A call from the charter boat **Marie III** told of Tuesday's bluefishing trip SW of the Farms trolling white umbrellas for very good catches of 8 to 12 lb. blues. Friday was a flounder

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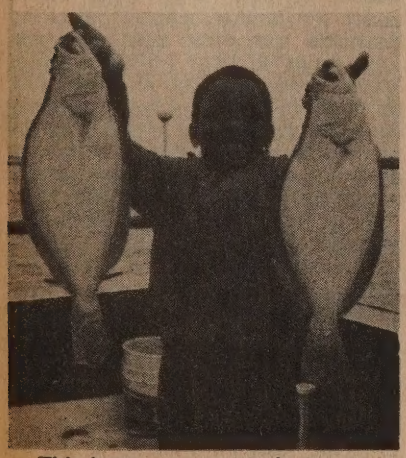
trip working Big M, Swift Creek and SHort Beach. Catches were very good said the skipper, with fish going from 3/4 to 1 lb. average to the tune of 10 to 15 a man. Saturday's super bluefishing again worked from buoy 4 at Debs to Playland and was the best bluefishing so far of the year on 2 to 5 lber. with a few going 7 to 12 lbs. on diamonds. Catches ranged from 25 fish a man and up. Sunday's csharter fished the same area plus Ambrose taking 5 to 7 lbers. with fares averaging 10 to 15 blues a man with better anglers scoring higher, all on jigs.

Aboard the **Capt. Bill** Tuesday saw Rich Janofsky bag a 4¾ lb. fluke. On Wednesday John Nellie of E. Rockaway was satisfied with a 5½ lb. fluke, while on Thursday John a regular from Garden City smiled with his 4½ lb. pool winner and 4 other keepers. Friday saw Ed Braithwaite with 7 keepers to 4 lbs. On Saturday Jack Westley, RVC bagged up with 8 keepers and on Sunday Bruno LaGrau of Staten Isand had 6 keeper plus the pool winner. This was all inside, local fishing. The late afternoon flounder trips are producing nice catches weather permitting. Friday night was a bluefish charter for Bi-County Electrical, a true leap job at buoy 4 Debs.

The daily fluke trips have been producing nicely with more keepers being seen this week. Eric Olsen, fishing 2 separate half days trips Monday and Wednesday totalled 28 keepers. High hooks are running from 7 to 15 fish on a consistent basis with all action being local. Herb, a regular bagged a 3½ lb. pool fluke Sunday in the PM. The big news however, is the consistent type bluefishing.

Eileen at **Ed's Fishing Station** was happy to pass along the news of Sunnyside's Tom Whelan and his 5¼ lb. fluke caught on the north side of Loop bridge. Amy Siodlak was quite satisfied with her 21 keepers taken on



This happy youngster is seven-year-old Greg Smith. A brace of 4½ lb. fluke is the reason for the big smile. They were taken in Reynold's Channel aboard the Pt. Lookout charter boat, "Marie III."

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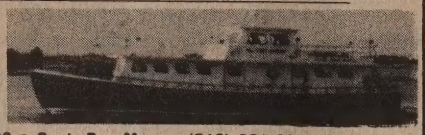

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killie squid combos during the week. A 7½ lb. fluke was the reward for Natalie Lyons fishing on the Eherapsea on killies at buoy 5 Jones Inlet at the top of the tide along with 12 other keepers. Better keeper ratios have been coming from sthe flats and golf course area early in the week Dennis DeLay captured a 33 lb. striped bass fishing in Reynolds at the AB bridge on the high on a bunker chunk. Good flounder action at the Big M on worms and clam while snappers and sand porgies start to take hold.

We heard from the **Commodore** out of Island Park which did nicely on ocean fluke Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with pool fish in the 6 to 7 lb. range. There are quite a few 4 lbers. bagged during the week said the skipper and also a decent catch of good sized sea bass thrown in. On Sunday fares had roughly 10 sea bass apiece, averaging 1¼ lbs. plus 4 big fluke apiece. Maybe 2 throwbacks the whole day, but a sticky bottom. Early in the week the boat fished inside with loads of throwbacks and just a few keepers. Clem says for this ocean fluking bring conventional tackle spooled with 30 lb. mono and plenty of lead.

The word from **Beckmann's Tackle in** Lynbrook is that the best inside fluking he heard of for the week was at Duck Point where at least 2 boats had 25 to 30 keepers each plus much shorts. Loads of blues to 8 lbs. from buoy 4 Debs to Ambrose. In 95 feet of water due south of Jones there were lots of blue sharks Saturday. Good shots of weakfish at night on the Tin Can for sharpies using red Nordic eels. Newsworthy was a catch of 8 porgies at the Can on small 3/4 oz. Nordic eels. These were 2 to 3 lb. porgies.

From **Long Beach Sports Marina** we learn fluking has been hot and cold this week with the Atlantic Beach CG Station and Duck Point being hot areas. Buoy 1 was also good. Some weaks, stripers aNd blues taken under the bunker schools patrolling Reynolds with first light the best time, prior to boat traffic starting. Mixed blues on bait at night just south of buoy 4. Party boats enjoying leap jobs working this area during the week. Trollers doing fair on umbrellas at buoy 4. Inside snappers are getting bigger daily. BCCs still just fair.

Al at **Reynolds Fishing Station** in Atlantic Beach said that fluking continues in Reynold, the CG to the ABB with killies working best. Around the warrior buoy off Playland, some bigger fluke are being taken especially by those using live snappers for bait. Bluefish in 60 feet of water to the SE of Debs on umbrellas, fish in the 12 lb. range. Same at Ambrose Channel. Winners of the weekends canyon tournamnet were: 1st, George Wetherall, Barbara's Boys, 164 lb bigeye tuna; 2 nd John Feeney, compass rose 6, 105 lb. yellowfin tuna; 3rd, John Koehler, Trophy, 64 lb. white marlin, J. York, compass rose 6, 76 lb. hammerhead,

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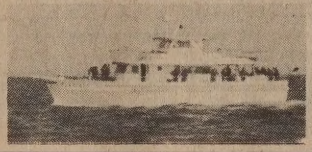

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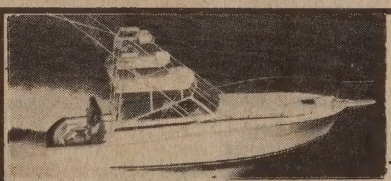

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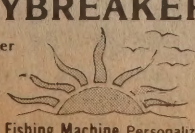

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From **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in E. Rockaway Dominic told of lots of fluke being caught at the Tin Can Grounds with a jumbo numbe of midgets. Again, news of blues from Debs to buoy 4 on diamonds, fish 2 to 4 lbs.

Cross Bay Bait and Tackle on Jamaica Bay told of both north and south channel bridges producing hand size porgies, sand worms working best. More keeper fluke now on killies, squid and spearing with small blues hitting tins and spearing on a float. Those fishing the bridges at night may well luck into small bass, blues or weaks using either whole or chunk bunker. On Sunday Mike Deery fished the Rockaway sea wall at 105th st. taking a 11 .b 8 oz. weak on half a bunker on the ebb. Thornton Booker fishing the same area had 4 weaks of 8¾ lb, 9¼ lb, 10¼ lbs. and 10½ lbs., on chunks. Not be outdone, Jim Mckay chunked weaks of 9½ lbs., 9 lbs. 14 oz. and 11 lbs. 6 oz. off the same sea wall.

Over at Sheepshead Bay Neil at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** told of plenty of blues mixed sizes taken by all the boats at Ambrose Channel. Tons of blues said Neil. Plenty of mixed sized fluke with plenty of midgets being taken in Jamaica Bay and off the Coney Island flats. Snappers are abounding in the bay and BCCs starting. A 42 lb. striper was caught from the Marine Parkway bridge by one customer fishing there at night during the week using a bunker chunk and a bridge gaff.

Word from Capt. Al Coley of the open boat **Betty W. III** was that Saturday's bluefishing was by far the best of the year, working the Jones Inlet and buoy 4 area. Sunday would also qualify as one of the best days of the year, said Al but this time working

Jimmy Cane, Mike Pippi and Roy Lindsay with porgies and blacks taken in Long Island Sound aboard the City Island open boat, "Sea King."

the Tin Can Grounds. Fish have been running 2 to 12 lbs. It's all diamonds daytime and chum and bait at night. The night trips have been pure dynamite. Fishing has been consistent on both days and night and the night boats have been coming in early with customers panting.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Carrell

Fluke continued to please in most areas during the week and larger bluefish seemed to be showing right on schedule. In the Mid-Island zone, there was also some interesting activity on stripers, and porgies were concentrated out East. Sultry but calm weather enabled anglers to maximize their fishing time.

WESTERN SOUND

John DiCuffa at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** continued to report some "beautiful" flounder mixed with the bottom catches. Porgies were also in those takes, and fiddler crabs are still going across the counter for tautog fans. The flounder were to be found off Half Moon Beach and Harts Island. Sherry Moore pulled a 14¼ pound bluefish from Hempstead Harbor, and we heard that she and her father have been doing well on bass with worms.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** has "snappers, snappers, and snappers" to offer, according to John Cacciola. There are plenty of porgies from ½ pound on the local sand flats and monster blues can be found in the harbors on the bottom. Blues from 4 to 13.5 were taken off the point last week. John suggests flyrodding the snappers then using them as live baits for blues, weaks, and bass.

Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** reported excellent bluefish action on fish from cocktails all the way to 7 pounds. On Sunday Pearson went jigging off Captains Island, Greenwich, and had from 12 to 36 blues per fare for sharpies. With an average of 25 fares daily there's plenty of room to enjoy the action on 4 ounce diamonds without tube tails.

Joe Ferrara of the **Sea King** from **City Island** has been working on a mix of porgies, flounder, and blackfish with the pool fish often blackfish under 5 pounds. Saturday's target was Smithtown and Sunday was spent off Lloyds and Bayville on a pick that "wasn't that terrific". Ferrara was still excited about a 125 pound mako that he and friends took on the boat on

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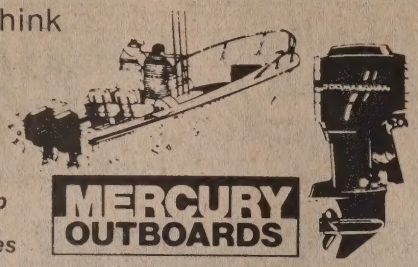

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a Montauk trip a couple of weeks back, and he plans to try tuna in September.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine of the **Four Winds** excitedly proclaimed that "the bite is on" for bass sharpies who know how to deep-drift worms around Eatons. Apparently the bass fishing has picked up in the triangle again with keepers averaging over 8 pounds and a few fish over 20. Bill Mazur had two 16 pounders in one haul.

The Collinses have been seeing "fantastic" day and night bluefish action on the **Ever Ready** with pools going to fish that push 10 pounds. Warren Webster had a 9 pounder on Saturday and Dante Sabotino managed a 10 pound chopper on Sunday. Averages run from 18 on up and the high hook for the week had over 60. It's strictly jigging on fish that run from a pound all the way up and the action can occur anywhere from Smithtown to Rye. One 9 pound weakfish and a number of 6 to 7 pound bass were also in the week's catch.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** was impressed with the blues working on bunker schools in Huntington Bay and Northport Harbor. The concentrations of choppers are not at all that big but the fish average 5 pounds with occasional 10 pounders.

There are isolated catches of 3-6 pound weakfish close to shore with Jointed Rebels still recommended. Great fluking continues with a 1.3 or even 1.2 keeper: throwback ratio and 6 keepers per boat in the 2 pound class were the norm around Sand City, Lloyds, and the Coast Guard Station. Porgy fishing in 40-45 feet of water was paying off in 1-1¼ pound fish, provided one used a chum pot. The OB was still the spot for scup.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** spoke of a healthy mix of fish over the weekend with plenty of bluefish around Buoy 11 the Pink House, and further east. Cocktails to 5 pounds was the range in most places though there were a few to 8 pounds near Oldfield. Some of the larger fluke have been taken from 30-35 feet of water but obtaining spearing for bait has been difficult. One pound porgies were in abundance off Cranes, Mount Misery, and the Lighthouse.

Ralphs Fishing Station in **Mount Sinai** saw one catch of 14 keeper fluke on Friday and Ralph Davenport himself weighed a nice summer flounder of 4¼ pounds on Saturday. Blues in the 1½ to 3 pound class were all over Cedar Beach for those who jigged or trolled. A very few weakfish had been taken in the evening by those using worms, and one huge tiderunner was actually weighed in at

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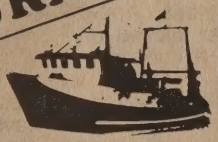

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The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** mentioned one tremendous haul of fluke in 65 feet of water on killies off the Cedar Beach cabanas by Terris Pikramenos. Buoys 9 and 11 were suggested as bluefish areas and porgy fishing was described as "variable".

NORTH FORK

Three days of good weakfishing down at Roses highlighted the weekend at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** and at the **Port of Egypt** in **Southold**. Last of the outgoing and the first of the incoming were good and so were the verly early morning outgoing waters. Fish sizes to 3 pounds were the norm with catches of half dozen summer weaks per boat not unusual. Of course there were porgies to 1 pound mixed in. Porgies were also taken from the South Race and from the obstruction buoy area west of Robins Island. The area from Jessups to Buoy 16 was fine for scup with a very few fish in the 1-1½ pound class. Ace Cottral has heard rumors of some larger blues and a few fluke off Horton's, and told us that the **Sea Boots** showed up with a catch of large fluke from deep waters near Gardiner's.

Liz Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** told us that anything that floated was rented from the livery over the weekend due to red hot porgy run. Fish were abundant, although not large, east and west of the Inlet and near the Beachcomber Motel in 30 feet of water. One pound scup were the rule and a chum pot was a big help: it was advisable to fish a high hook with squid for occasional small weakfish, too!

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** feels that this has been the best year for fluke that he's ever seen. He found a body of fish about a week ago with alot of mediums, 3-4 pounders, and a few to 8½, his largest for the season so far. Most of the flatties in the catch are 16-17 inches, and Saturday produced 150 keepers with Sunday's haul around 70. With more boats working this group of fish the catches have dropped somewhat. Spearing, squid, and belly strips are the preferred baits for these Gardiner's fish. The Race has been producing bluefish from 5 pounds up to 12-15 on 8 ounce jigs for those who wish to leave the fluke alone.

Anna May Rainis called to tell us that you can still catch plenty of keeper fluke down at Gardiner's even with the large numbers of throwbacks. One first timer had 12 keepers on the **Blue Albatross** on Thursday, thanks to the coaching of Jim Castagna who won the pool with a 3½ pounder. The Rainises will be sailing this Sunday, August 12th, as an open party boat, but this is an occasional offer. Call John or Anna for details.

Clark Bellows of the **Prime Time II** has been hitting the fluke east of Plum and west of Gull, and he described the action as "fine" from Monday through Thursday with Friday somewhat slower. Fish were mostly in the 2-4 pound group and pool winners were about 5. Gardiner's will still be the target area this week, with torrid fluking expected to continue.

Capt Roddy Delisle of the **Prowler II** reported a 10.5 lb. fluke during last weeks fishing at Gardiner's. There was also a 7.6 pounder by Dan Buckley. Alot of 3-4 lb. fish are making up the catches. Also, some good bluefish action on jigs in Pidgeon Rip.

John and Bob Jaszcal took 7 rainbows from 9 to 12 inches long at lower Yaphank Lake on Mepps Spinners. Photo courtesy Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

Surf REPORT *with Fred Golofaro*

The usual August doldrums seem to be afflicting the majority of surfmen around the Island as family vacations, barbeques, and the heat combine to cut down on angler effort. While fishing has been far from spectacular, there has been the occasional surprise here and there for those still putting in the time.

The Jones Inlet area is apparently still housing a few stripers. While most of this action has been kept quiet, Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Tackle Shop** in **Wantagh** did weigh bass of 36½ and 17 pounds for Gary Mims of Massapequa. They were taken along with a 10½ pound weak on bunker chunks at Jones Beach early Friday morning. Lon reported talk of decent bass action at Jones Beach Field 6, Tobay and Gilgo on chunks of bunker and mackerel.

Fire Island Inlet was relatively quiet on the weekend according to reports coming our way. Dave Canale of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** managed an 8 pound weak on a sandworm, Friday night at Democrat Point. He saw no other fish taken on the beach however.

Alan, a regular aboard the Orient based open boat, "Prime Time," with a nice 6 lb. fluke.

There was plenty of bluefish action to the east (from Davis Park, through Moriches and into the Hamptons) at mid-week. Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said that 5-8 pound blues raided a long stretch of oceanfront on Tuesday and to a lesser extent on Wednesday. John Capute managed a dozen of the fish which were intent on schools of hapless butterfish. Tins and plugs took the fish. Paul also relayed word that bonita showed in the Moriches surf on Sunday morning. Two casters accounted for 6 of the speedsters on tin.

At **Montauk**, only a handful of casters played the Point's beaches this past week. Fishing was slow but the light did produce a few 10 pound class bass and a couple of weaks on Saturday night's tide. Some 3-4 pound blues showed Wednesday at Hither Hills and again in Turtle Cove on Saturday. Gin Beach and Shagwong have been quiet.

The North Shore has been quiet with the exception of some small blues in the 1-3 poiund class along beaches bordering Smithtown Bay. For those with access to beaches within western Sound harbors, there are some big blues into the teens on bait.

According to Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop,** there have been good numbers of small blues early and late in the day along local beaches. An occasional bass of 6-8 pounds is taken on tins meant for the small choppers.

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FRI.	7:50	8:05	8:40	9:00	8:30	8:45	9:25	9:40	11:55	12:10	11:20	11:30	7:35	7:55	8/10
SAT.	8:30	8:45	9:20	9:40	9:15	9:25	10:10	10:15	—	12:40	—	12:00	8:15	8:35	8/11
SUN.	9:10	9:20	10:00	10:15	9:55	10:05	10:45	10:55	12:50	1:10	12:15	12:35	9:00	9:15	8/12
MON.	9:45	10:00	10:40	10:50	10:35	10:40	11:20	11:35	1:20	1:40	12:50	1:10	9:40	9:55	8/13
TUES.	10:25	10:35	11:15	11:25	11:15	11:20	—	12:00	1:45	1:55	1:25	1:50	10:20	10:35	8/14
WED.	11:00	11:10	11:50	12:05	11:55	11:50	12:10	12:40	2:05	2:20	2:05	2:25	11:00	11:15	8/15
THURS.	11:35	11:50	—	12:30	—	12:30	12:50	1:20	2:30	2:50	2:40	3:05	11:40	11:55	8/16

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Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
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Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
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Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/9	6:02	8:07
FRI. 8/10	6:03	8:06
SAT. 8/11	6:04	8:05
SUN. 8/12	6:05	8:04
MON. 8/13	6:06	8:03
TUE. 8/14	6:07	8:02
WED. 8/15	6:08	8:01

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/9	7:20PM	3:36AM
FRI. 8/10	7:58PM	4:37AM
SAT. 8/11	8:30PM	5:39AM
SUN. 8/12	8:57PM	6:42AM
MON. 8/13	9:21PM	7:43AM
TUE. 8/14	9:43PM	8:43AM
WED. 8/15	10:04PM	9:43AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
7/28	8/4	8/11	8/19

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	3:55	10:00	4:10	10:30
Fri.	4:45	10:50	5:00	11:15
Sat.	5:30	11:35	5:45	11:55
Sun.	6:15	—	6:35	12:25
Mon.	7:00	12:45	7:25	1:10
Tues.	7:45	1:35	8:10	1:55
Wed.	8:30	2:20	8:55	2:40
Thurs.	9:15	3:05	9:40	3:25

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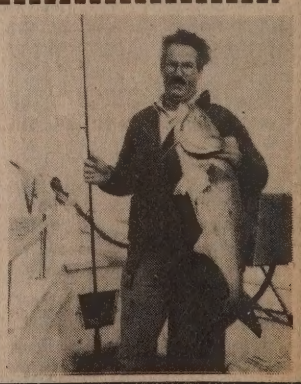

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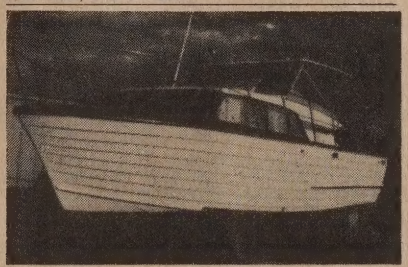

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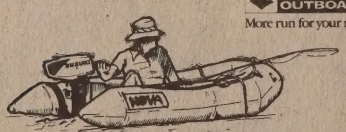

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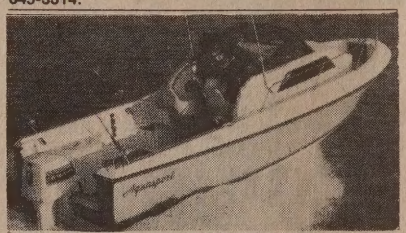

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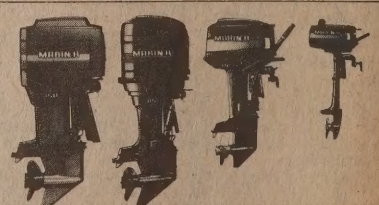

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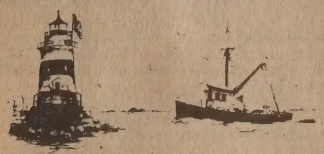

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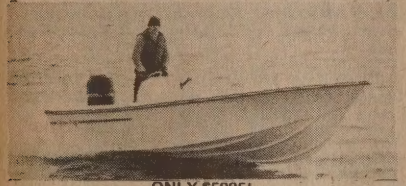

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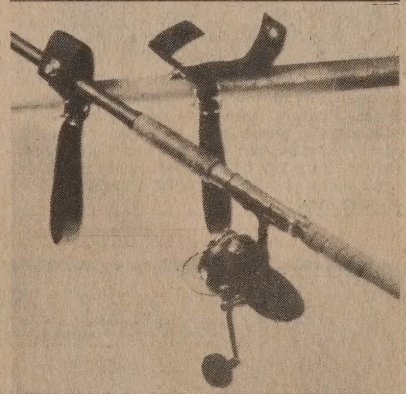

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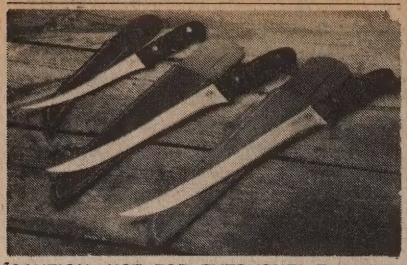

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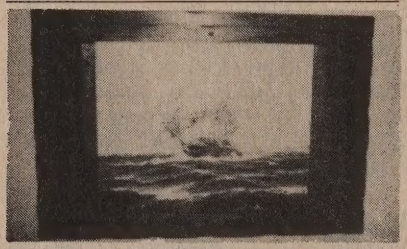

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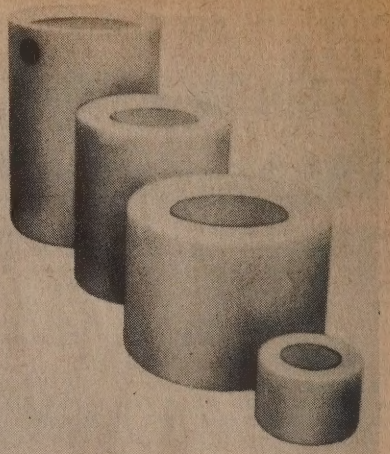

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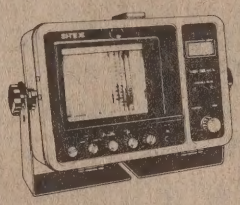

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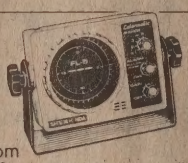

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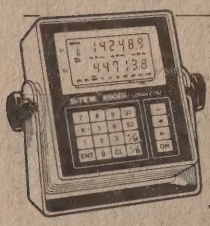

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